

## American visits Iran blast site under freedom deal



TEHRAN, Iran – An Iranian-American businessman freed after more than two years in Tehran's main prison visited survivors of a deadly 2008 mosque bombing as a condition of his release in a scripted event Sunday that could carry propaganda value at home.

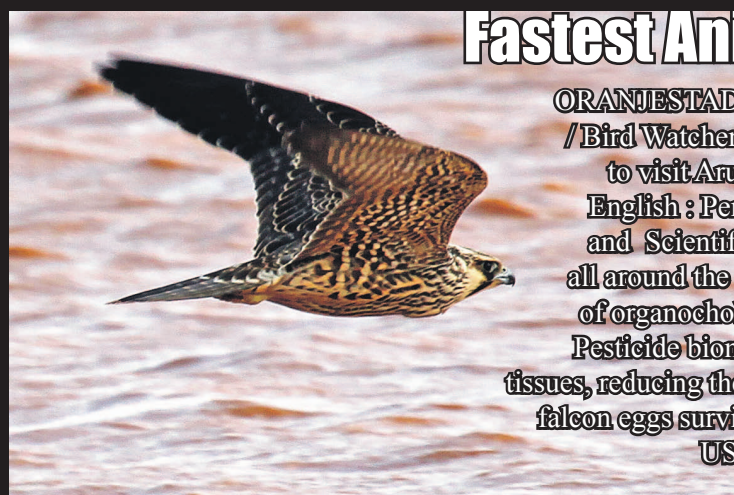
Iranian authorities did not immediately explain their demand for 71-year-old Reza Taghavi to pay homage in the southern city of Shiraz and personally acknowledge an attack in which he denies having any connection. But it would fit neatly into possible Iranian attempts to squeeze multiple messages from Taghavi's release on Saturday after 29 months in custody.

It can easily score political points at home for the ruling clerics at a time when international sanctions are hurting Iran's economy.

Iran is pressing to resume talks on its nuclear program with the United States and other world powers after a yearlong standoff.

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## Fastest Animal in the world visits Aruba!



ORANJESTAD - With great pleasure and fascination Professional Photographer / Bird Watcher Greg Peterson informs us that the Peregrine Falcon has returned to visit Aruba! This is the fastest animal on the planet! Welcome back !! In English : Peregrine Falcon, Papiamentu : Falki peregrino, Dutch : Slechtvalk, and Scientific : Falco peregrines. The Peregrine Falcon can be found sparsely all around the world as they became an endangered species because of the use of organochlorine pesticides, especially DDT during the 1950s, 60s, and 70s. Pesticide biomagnification caused organochlorine to build up in the falcons' fat tissues, reducing the amount of calcium in their eggshells. With thinner shells, fewer falcon eggs survived to hatching. In several parts of the world, such as the eastern USA and Belgium, this species became locally extinct as a result. □

~ Photo by Greg Peterson



## Navajo closer than ever to electing woman leader

WINDOW ROCK, Ariz. – Lynda Lovejoy walks past throngs of parade-goers in her traditional, crushed velvet dress and moccasins, her campaign button on the sleeve. Speaking through a microphone,

she says she'll bring fresh perspective to the Navajo government if elected president. Her supporters shout, "You go girl!" Others at the parade in Window Rock clearly don't want to see her at the

helm of the country's largest American Indian reservation. "I hope you lose," one man shouts, then covers his mouth and ducks into the crowd.

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## French minister: Saudis warn of new terror threat

PARIS – French Interior Minister Brice Hortefeux says that France has received new warnings of a terror threat in Europe, "notably France," from Saudi intelligence services.

He said Sunday in an interview that the warning of a potential attack by al-Qaida in the Arabian Peninsula was

received "in the last few hours, few days."

The minister says that Europeans were informed that "al-Qaida in the Arabian Peninsula was doubtless active or envisioned being active" on the "European continent, notably France." □



# Murder suspect extradited from Israel to NYC



**Eric Bellucci, a U.S. citizen who escaped to Israel after allegedly stabbing his parents to death in their New York home earlier this week, is escorted by Israeli police after being detained at Ben Gurion International airport near Tel Aviv, Israel, Friday, Oct. 15 2010**

(AP Photo/Eric Sultan)

By KAREN MATTHEWS, Associated Press Writer  
NEW YORK — A New York man accused of fleeing to Israel after killing his parents was extradited to the U.S. on

Sunday and will be arraigned Monday, authorities said.

Eric Bellucci, who was arrested at Tel Aviv airport on Friday, was in custody of New York City police, said William Smith, a spokesman for the Staten Island district attorney. Bellucci's parents, Arthur, 61, and Marian, 56, were found dead Wednesday night in their Staten Island home.

Bellucci was picked up Friday after trying to buy a plane ticket to Beijing. His confused manner alerted a flight clerk who notified security officials. Bellucci is not an Israeli citizen, and it was unclear why he had traveled to Israel. Israeli authorities said they had been searching for Bellucci for nearly 24 hours

in coordination with the New York Police Department before his arrest.

Footage broadcast on Israeli TV showed police hauling an unshaven, woozy Bellucci from the airport into a van. His eyes were shut and he did not resist.

Liron Cohen, an airport check-in attendant, told Israel's Channel 10 on Friday that the man "appeared unstable, spoke to himself and wasn't sure what he wanted" when he was at her counter.

He tried to buy a one-way ticket on a Turkish airline to Beijing via Istanbul, but his credit card was rejected, she said. When he offered to return with cash, she checked his passport, called

her supervisors and security detained him, she said.

The NYPD said it found Bellucci's parents Wednesday night after a 911 call from a relative. The New York Post reported that the couple's daughter had found their bodies.

Police found Bellucci's SUV parked at Newark Liberty International Airport in New Jersey.

The NYPD said previously that the son lived with his parents and suffered from schizophrenia.

He was once a star athlete at Stuyvesant High School in Manhattan, and his father was a senior associate at a large real estate company, according to published reports. □

## After 9 years and Condit's fall, Levy trial begins

By MATTHEW BARAKAT, Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — If one person is associated with the mysterious slaying of Washington intern Chandra Levy, it isn't the man who will soon be tried on charges he murdered her. It's former California congressman Gary Condit, whose political career imploded after he was romantically linked to the woman and became the No. 1 suspect.

Ingmar Guandique, an illegal immigrant from El Salvador, goes on trial Monday for Levy's 2001 killing. However, he's not even a blip on the national consciousness of the case, which dominated news coverage until the Sept. 11, 2001, terror attacks rendered it an afterthought.

While police no longer believe Condit had anything to do with Levy's death, his presence will continue to hang over the trial. Condit's spokesman, Bert Fields, said Condit expects to be called as a witness at Guandique's trial, though he has not been subpoenaed.

Fields said Condit will cooperate fully with authorities. But the ex-congressman, who is writing a book about his experience, will not comment on the trial until it ends.

Bill Miller, a spokesman for the prosecutors' office, declined comment on the case and whether Condit will be called as a witness, citing a gag order issued earlier this month.

Defense attorneys are also subject to the gag order. But when Guandique was charged in 2009 with Levy's murder, they criticized what they saw as a botched investigation. Guandique escaped scrutiny in large part because of the frenzy around Condit. The former congressman never admitted an affair but said he was friends with Levy, though the intern had told family members the two had a romantic relationship.

"This flawed investigation, characterized by the many mistakes and missteps of the Metropolitan Police Department and every federal agency that has attempted to solve this case, will not end with the simple issuance of an arrest warrant against Mr. Guandique," said the attorneys, Santha Sonenberg and Maria Hawilo.

At a pretrial hearing Thursday, Sonenberg said police were so desperate to get a confession from Guandique to bolster their case that in 2004 and 2005, police tried to establish a phony penpal relationship

with Guandique while he was in prison serving a 10-year sentence, using the pseudonym "Maria Lopez." The ruse did not work.

"It goes to the sort of antics, the sort of shenanigans, the lengths to which they've gone to prosecute Mr. Guandique," Sonenberg said.

Then-U.S. Attorney Jeffrey Taylor has acknowledged the case lacked DNA or physical evidence linking Guandique to Levy. And Guandique never confessed to police — in fact, he passed a lie-detector test denying involvement in Levy's disappearance, though prosecutors now question the validity of that test.

But Taylor cited significant circumstantial evidence, including numerous confessions that Guandique purportedly made to other inmates. And Levy's body was found in a wooded section of the city's Rock Creek Park, where Guandique was convicted of assaulting two other young women in 2001.

At a pretrial hearing last month, Assistant U.S. Attorney Amanda Haines said Guandique has a "signature confession style." She said he has discussed killing Levy with many people, giving each person starkly different details.



**FILE - This undated file photo released by the family shows Chandra Ann Levy. The defendant, Ingmar Guandique, in one of America's more famous murder mysteries goes on trial Monday for the 2001 murder of Washington intern Levy, but Guandique, an illegal immigrant from El Salvador with a pedestrian criminal record, is not even a blip on the national consciousness.**

(AP Photo/Family Photo via The Modesto Bee, File)

Whether jurors believe those confessions will be key. The defense wants to present expert testimony from a university professor on the pitfalls of accounts from jailhouse snitches. However, prosecutors say jurors should be allowed to judge the credibility of witnesses for themselves. Superior Court Judge Gerald I. Fisher has indicated he will not allow the vast majority

of the professor's proposed testimony.

As for Condit, exactly what role he will play in the trial is unclear. Defense attorneys could be tempted to remind jurors that police were suspicious of Condit for so long, said attorney George Jackson, a Chicago-based lawyer with the Polsinelli Shughart law firm and a former federal prosecutor. □







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# 95-year-old NYC man gets medal for WWII rescue

NEW YORK – The U.S. government has recognized the World War II architect of a mission to rescue more than 500 U.S. bomber fliers shot down over Nazi-occupied Serbia the largest air rescue of Americans behind enemy lines in any war. George Vujnovich, a 95-year-old New Yorker, is credited with leading the so-called Halyard Mission in what was then Yugoslavia.

On Sunday, he was to be awarded the U.S. Bronze Star Meda presented by Rep. Joseph Crowley, D-N.Y., at Manhattan's St. Sava Serbian Orthodox Cathedral.

"Better now than never," says Vujnovich, a retired salesman who lives in Queens.

He was an officer of the OSS the precursor of today's CIA in Italy when about 500 pilots and other airmen were downed over Serbia in the summer of 1944 while on bombing runs targeting Hitler's oil fields in Romania, according to U.S. government field station files, stored in the National Archives.

The airmen were hidden in various villages by Serbian guerrilla fighter Draza Mihailovich leader of the Chetniks, whom Yugoslav communist officials considered to be Germany's collaborators.

Vujnovich, a Serbian-American and a Pittsburgh native, was stationed in Bari, Italy.

It was no small feat to convince American officials to allow him to work with Mihailovich on the clandestine mission dubbed Halyard, meaning a rope used to hoist sails. By then, President Franklin D. Roosevelt had decided to follow British Prime Minister Winston Churchill's lead, abandoning support for Mihailovich in favor of the Yugoslav communists the strongest grass-roots guerrilla force fighting the invading Nazis and Italian Fascists.

Mihailovich had been a prewar military officer who launched the first Balkan resistance to the Nazis in 1941, before also turning against the communists led by Marshal Josip Broz Tito.

"Vujnovich is the one who sold the mission to U.S. officials, he pushed hard," said U.S. Army Lt. Col. Steven Oluic, a former West Point professor who prepared the award submission for the Department of the Army.

On Aug. 2, 1944, three OSS agents strapped with radio transmitters were airdropped near Mihailovich's headquarters to set up the operation.

Dozens of U.S. military cargo planes flew in over the months to pick up the airmen as they were downed. Serbian villagers had helped them build an airstrip by the village of Pranjani.

"We owe Vujnovich big time," says Charles L. Davis III, 91, of Church Falls, Va., a retired U.S. Air Force lieutenant colonel who was rescued.

As a bombardier navigator, he was part of a crew of 10 on a B-24 Liberator plane crippled after losing three of its four engines.

The fliers parachuted into a mountainous region where local farmers brought them to their houses and barns. During the next 66 days, the Americans moved each night to a different location so as not to be captured by the occupying Germans.

Yugoslavia's postwar communist authorities convicted Mihailovich of collaborating with the Nazis in a hasty trial in 1946, and he was executed.

In 1948, U.S. President Harry Truman posthumously bestowed the Legion of Merit on the Serb for the rescue an honor classified secret by the U.S. State Department for decades, so as not to disrupt the rather friendly U.S. policy toward Yugoslavia.

The secrecy underscores longlasting divisions in Serbia stemming from World War II; some Serbs still believe Mihailovich was a victim of communist repression, while others view him as a traitor.

The story is told in a 2007 book titled "The Forgotten 500," by Gregory Freeman. □





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# Gay marriage surfaces as an issue in state races



Alexander Westerhoff holds a "victory" sign outside the State House in 2007 in Boston, Massachusetts in support of gay marriage. The Obama administration Tuesday appealed a federal judge's ruling giving the state of Massachusetts the right to authorize gay marriage.

By DAVID CRARY,  
AP National Writer

NEW YORK — This election will be the first since the 1990s without a measure to ban gay marriage on any state ballot,

yet the divisive issue is roiling races across the country during a time of tumult for the gay rights movement.

In Minnesota, New Hampshire, California and New York,

gubernatorial campaigns have become battlegrounds for rival sides in the debate, with the Democratic candidates supporting same-sex marriage and the Republicans opposed. In Iowa, voters will decide whether to oust three state Supreme Court justices who joined last year's unanimous decision making the state one of five where gay marriage is legal. And in Rhode Island and California, Democratic candidates are seeking to become the fourth and fifth openly gay members of Congress. The Californian, Palm Springs Mayor Steve Pougnet, has a husband and 4-year-old twins, and would be Congress' first openly gay parent.

The races are unfolding on a rapidly shifting gay rights landscape, with activists

elated by important court rulings, irked at setbacks in Washington and jolted by high-profile cases of anti-gay violence and bullying-provoked suicides.

The mixed emotions have been evident in recent days as a federal judge ordered a halt to enforcement of the military's "don't ask, don't tell" policy. The Obama administration says it agrees with the judge that gays should be allowed to serve openly. Yet to the frustration of gay activists, the administration appealed the ruling, saying it preferred that Congress repeal the policy.

"It's the best of times and worst of times," said Richard Socarides, a former Clinton White House adviser on gay rights.

"Culturally you see a huge increase in acceptance of gays

and lesbians, and in the federal courts you see for the first time a willingness to embrace the Constitution as a vehicle for securing equality for gay people," Socarides said. "Yet in our nation's politics, we see essentially the opposite."

He said President Barack Obama has failed to deliver on his pledges to gays regarding marriage recognition and repeal of "don't ask, don't tell."

"The president made a conscious decision coming in that these were second- and third-tier issues," Socarides said. "People were very excited by him. But he overpromised and underdelivered."

Obama said Thursday that the military policy "will end and it will end on my watch," but he acknowledged the constraints of the legal process. □

## NAVAJO

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Another woman declares support for Lovejoy's opponent: "We want Ben Shelly. Women belong in the kitchen."

No woman has served as Navajo president, although the matriarchal society has strong reverence for women as caretakers and heirs to everything from home site leases to sheep. When introducing themselves, Navajos start with their mother's clan name.

With Lovejoy garnering twice as many votes as any of the 10 men and a second woman in a recent primary, the Navajo Nation appears closer than ever to electing a woman as its leader. But that doesn't mean Lovejoy's candidacy is widely accepted as she and Shelly approach the Nov. 2 election.

The New Mexico state senator has been called an outsider who lacks experience in tribal government. More to the point, she's been told she'll ruin a tradition in which all previous top leaders have been men and that her presidency could portend an ominous future for the tribe. Some have even attributed damaging weather events to her quest for the leadership.

Still others have hope she'll bring attention to social justice issues and increase job opportunities for younger people on the reservation. Some ask why not a woman considering the tribe's struggles with men as leaders.

Sara Stevens, who works with domestic violence victims on the reservation, says perpetrators are running rampant, and women and children need help.

"She's a woman like the rest of us," said Stevens, of Crystal, N.M. "Hopefully that will pull at her heart strings."

Men long have been the leaders of Navajo people and traditionally consulted with women in the communities as equals. Navajos see each person as having female and male aspects that create balance.

Philmer Bluehouse, a traditional peacekeeper, said those who believe women can't be president likely are looking to a Navajo tale of a female who was given a leadership post but became angry and controlling.

But some fail to look beyond that story to one in which the deity White Shell Woman gives birth to the Twin Warriors, who rid the world of monsters such as greed, poverty and hate, Bluehouse said. According to Navajo lore, all Navajos can trace their ancestry back to her, and she's considered to be the ideal woman. □

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## More intellectually disabled youths go to college

WARRENSBURG, Mo. — Zach Neff is all high-fives as he walks through his college campus in western Missouri. The 27-year-old with Down syndrome hugs most everybody, repeatedly. He tells teachers he loves them.

“I told Zach we are putting him on a hug diet one to say hello and one to say goodbye,” said Joyce Downing, who helped start a new program at the University of Central Missouri that serves students with disabilities.

The hope is that polishing up on social skills, like cutting back on the hugs, living in residence halls and going to classes with non-disabled classmates will help students like Neff be more independent and get better jobs.

In years past, college life was largely off-limits for students with such disabilities, but that’s no longer the case. Students with Down syndrome, autism and other conditions that can result in intellectual disabilities are leaving high school more academically prepared than ever and ready for the next step: college. Eight years ago, disability advocates were able to find only four programs on university campuses that allowed students with intellectual disabilities to experience college life with extra help from mentors and tutors. As of last year, there were more than 250 spread across more than three dozen states and two Canadian provinces, said Debra Hart, head of Think College at the Institute for Community Inclusion at the University of Massachusetts Boston, which provides services to people with disabilities.

That growth is partly because of an increasing demand for higher education for these students and there are new federal funds for such programs.

The federal rules that took effect this fall allow students with intellectual disabilities to receive grants and work-study money. Because details on the rules are still being worked out, the earliest students could have the money is next year. Hart and others expect the funds to prompt the creation of even more programs. “There is a whole generation of young people who have grown up under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, and the Americans with Disabilities Act, and to them it (college) is the logical next step,” Hart said.

The college programs for these students vary. Generally the aim is to support the students as they take regular classes with non-disabled students. Professors sometimes are advised to modify the integrated classes by doing things like shifting away from a format that relies entirely on lectures and adding more projects in which students can work in groups.

One program in Idaho offers classes in drama, art and sign language. Students on other campuses can improve their computer skills or take child development classes.

Sometimes they’re paired with non-disabled students and advocates say the educational coaches, mentors and tutors who help them often are studying to become special education teachers or social workers and learn from the experience too. □



## Baltimore officer slain in fight over parking spot

BALTIMORE — An off-duty Baltimore police detective out celebrating his birthday was killed by a blow to the head with a rock or piece of concrete during a fight over a parking space, and investigators on Sunday were questioning two suspects, authorities said.

Fellow officers, meanwhile, were at the side of grieving family members overnight at the Johns Hopkins Bayview Medical Center, where emergency crews had taken Detective Brian Stevenson, an 18-year veteran with the department, police spokesman Anthony Guglielmi said.

Stevenson, who would have turned 38 on Sunday, was celebrating his birthday with a friend Saturday night when he started fighting over a parking space. The dispute escalated. Then, Guglielmi said, “A suspect pulled a rock or large piece of concrete from the

ground and struck the officer with it.”

Guglielmi said he did not know whether the object was thrown at Stevenson, or how the detective was struck. However, Stevenson sustained head trauma and died later that night at .

The suspects were described only as a man and a woman. Police said earlier Sunday that they hoped to make an arrest soon.

“Once they struck the officer they fled,” the spokesman said.

Guglielmi said the attack happened in a safe part of town. He said he lacked the words “to describe how heinous this act of violence is for something as truly petty as a parking space.”

Stevenson, who was married and had children, was assigned to a detective unit that investigates crimes such as shootings, assaults and robberies, Guglielmi said. □





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Iranian-American businessman Reza Taghavi, 71, speaks at this home a day after he was released from Evin prison in Tehran, Iran, Sunday, Oct. 17, 2010. Taghavi said Sunday he spent more than two years in a Tehran prison despite being innocent — simply for handing over \$200 in cash to a man in Iran that an acquaintance in the United States had given him.

(AP Photo/Vahid Salemi)

## FREEDOM DEAL

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The European Union's foreign affairs and security chief,

Catherine Ashton, suggested last week after meeting with U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton that talks could be held as early as next month.

But Iran's president, Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, has already thrown up a big hurdle saying talks could move forward only if the West clarifies its position on Israel's undeclared, but widely suspected, nuclear arsenal.

The U.S. and allies fear Iran could use its nuclear fuel labs to eventually produce weapons-grade material. Iran says it only seeks peaceful energy-producing reactors.

Taghavi's attorney former U.S. diplomat Pierre Prosper said he purposely left American officials out of the negotiations to avoid having his client become a bargaining chip. "Our strategy was to make sure that our dialogue with the (Iranian) government was between us and them," said Prosper, who held five rounds of direct talks with Iranian envoys since Taghavi was jailed.

Prosper said the talks ultimately convinced authorities that his client had no links to a rebel group blamed for the Shiraz mosque bombing that killed 14 people. Taghavi says he unwittingly gave \$200 to someone with ties to the group.

Taghavi's detention drew far less international attention than the campaign to free three young Americans taken into custody last year along Iran's border with Iraq and accused of spying. One of the three, Sarah Shourd, was granted freedom last month on

\$500,000 bail.

Shourd's two companions, Josh Fattal and Shane Bauer, remain jailed and face possible trial on espionage charges. Shourd and the families of the other Americans deny they committed any crime and say they were just hiking in a scenic and relatively peaceful part of northern Iraq. They say that if the three did cross the border with Iran, they did so unwittingly.

Some conditions of Shourd's release were similar to those for Taghavi. Shourd was allowed to leave Iran only after meeting with children of an Iranian woman jailed in the United States and visiting families of Iranians held for two years by American forces in Iraq.

Taghavi accompanied by his wife and lawyer fulfilled his pledge to visit the site of the mosque bombing. They later met with survivors, including people who lost relatives in the attack. Iran did not immediately release video of the encounters on state TV.

"Freedom is something so good. No one can imagine. I hope everybody enjoys his freedom," Taghavi told The Associated Press in Tehran before leaving for Shiraz, about 550 miles (885 kilometers) south of the capital. He plans to return to his home in southern California on Thursday via London.

Taghavi who regularly visits Iran to conduct business and see family had been jailed for passing \$200 to someone suspected of links to a rebel group known as Tondar, which seeks to topple the Islamic

system and was implicated in the mosque bombing. In 2009, Iran hanged three men convicted of a role in the bombing.

Taghavi, who was never formally charged, denies knowingly supporting the faction. He told AP TelevisionNews that he was given the money by an acquaintance in the United States and "brought the money here without knowing anything about it."

He said his friend took advantage of his trust and that he plans to sue him.

Iran blames the United States and Britain for supporting groups seeking to destabilize the Islamic system. Both countries deny the accusations. Taghavi said he spent part of his time in Evin prison in wards that held many detainees from the effort to crush dissent after the disputed re-election of Ahmadinejad in June 2009. Shourd and the other two Americans detained with her were also held in Evin.

Prosper, Taghavi's attorney, told the AP his client "admitted to nothing and he continues to maintain his innocence."

Iranian officials are "comfortable that he was in fact used by this organization, and comfortable that he does not pose a threat to them and that he can leave and go back to the United States," said Prosper, who served as U.S. ambassador-at-large for war crimes under the administration of President George W. Bush.

Taghavi said prison authorities at Evin did not mistreat him and "didn't do anything wrong to me." □



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# Bahrain readies for elections after wave of unrest

By BRIAN MURPHY,  
Associated Press Writer

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates — The tiny Gulf nation of Bahrain has been jolted in recent months by what amounts to a running family feud: Sunni rulers ordering arrests and clampdowns against Shiite protesters who claim they are denied jobs and opportunities.

The tensions focused attention on parliamentary elections Saturday and the nation's strategic pro-Western role — host of America's military powerhouse in the Gulf, the U.S. 5th Fleet.

But the country has also become a test case for some of the region's key stress points: Iran's rising ambitions and how much to press ahead with democratic openings.

Bahrain's leaders, to varying degrees, perceive the unrest as a possible foothold for Shiite heavyweight Iran to expand its influence — a fear that binds Sunni rulers from Kuwait City from Abu Dhabi. Bahrain, however, is the only

Gulf state with a majority Shiite population.

The showdowns since August also could rattle Bahrain's commitment to its decade-old experiments in democracy that are closely watched by ruling sheiks and royal courts across the Gulf.

"The political stability in Bahrain is at the forefront for the Gulf," said Mustafa Alani, a political and security analyst at the Gulf Research Center in Dubai. "No one wants to see a change in the order."

Bahrain's crackdown on Shiites puts the West — and particularly Washington — in a tight spot politically.

U.S. officials have been careful not to come down too hard on Bahrain's leaders for their heavy hand against the demonstrators. It's seen as both an acknowledgment of deep strategic ties and a tacit nod to the idea that Bahrain is standing its ground against Iran.

Bahrainis will begin selecting the 40-member parliament, which has some policymaking

roles. But it is still answerable to King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, who began to open Bahrain's clan-based political system after taking power in 1999. He later introduced parliamentary elections that created one of few elected legislative bodies in the region. It's still unclear how the Shiites will respond at the polls. Some Shiite leaders have urged for a boycott to protest the government's recent blows. Others, however, feel it's a chance for political payback by claiming control of the chamber, where Shiite parties now have 17 seats.

This would give them a high-profile soapbox for their complaints. They are led by claims that Shiites are blackballed from prime government posts and key roles in security forces even though they represent about 70 percent of the nation's 725,000 native population.

The Justice Ministry's top election overseer, Abdulla Al Buainain, said more than 290 Bahraini election observers



An unidentified Bahraini woman walks Thursday, Aug. 26, 2010, by a wall in the village of Malkiya, Bahrain, plastered with pictures of Shiite Muslim activists and clerics arrested in a recent crackdown amid violence ahead of October 23 parliamentary elections. Bahrain has charged 23 Shiite activists detained in a sweeping crackdown by the country's Sunni rulers with terrorism and conspiring against the government, a top justice official said Wednesday.

(AP Photo/Hasan Jamali)

will be used and webcams will monitor each polling station.

"We can confidently assert that the elections will be free, fair and transparent," he said. But the voting will take place with the ruling powers showing few hints of concessions. Trials are

scheduled to begin Oct. 28 — just five days after the voting — for 23 suspected Shiite dissidents accused of serious charges including terrorism conspiracy and trying to overthrow the state. Members of the group could face life sentences if convicted. □

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## Suspected political violence kills 25 in Pakistan



In this Saturday, Oct. 16, 2010 photo, an injured victim of shooting incident is brought to a local hospital in Karachi, Pakistan. Gunmen have killed at least 21 people in Karachi in the past 24 hours, raising tensions in Pakistan's largest city as voters headed to the polls Sunday to elect a replacement for a provincial lawmaker assassinated earlier this year.

(AP Photo/Fareed Khan)

By ASHRAF KHAN,  
Associated Press Writer  
KARACHI, Pakistan — Gunmen have killed at least 25 people in Karachi in the past 24 hours, raising tensions in Pakistan's largest city as voters cast ballots Sunday to replace a provincial lawmaker murdered in August. Police said they were still investigating the motives behind the shootings, but many so-called "target killings" in Karachi have been linked to gangs controlled by the city's main political parties, which

have been feuding for much of the last 20 years. "We cannot say whether all the killings were politically motivated or some gangs were involved because the killings took place in different parts of the city and were not confined to the area where the elections were being held," Karachi police Chief Fayyza Leghari said.

The two parties most linked to violence in Karachi — the Muttahida Quami Movement and the Awami National Party — have their electoral

bases in different ethnic groups that make up a large chunk of the city's population. The MQM claims to represent the Urdu-speaking descendants of those people who came to Karachi from India soon after the birth of Pakistan in 1947. It is secular and likes to speak out against the so-called Talibanization of the city, a jab at the Awami National Party, which represents the ethnic Pashtuns from the Taliban heartland in the northwest.

Raza Haider, the member of the provincial assembly who was gunned down in August, was a senior member of the MQM. In the wake of the shooting, the MQM accused the ANP of supporting Islamist militants suspected of being behind the murder — an allegation denied by the ANP. Both parties were competing for Haider's vacant seat, but the ANP announced Saturday evening that it would boycott the election, saying the MQM would rig the vote. The shootings began around the time the ANP made its announcement.

At least 25 people have been gunned down in Karachi since Saturday evening, said Zulfiqar Mirza, the home minister of Sindh province,

where Karachi is the capital. He called on party leaders to come forward to "help us turn Karachi back into the city of light and peace."

"If someone has a complaint, it should not be settled on the street," Mirza told a news conference. "It is disappointing that we are shedding our priceless blood with our own hands." The dead include members of a broad range of ethnic groups in the city, he said.

Haider Abbas Rizvi, a senior MQM leader and member of Parliament, accused the ANP of being behind the shootings, saying "19 of our workers and supporters have been killed so far."

Senior ANP member Amin Khattak denied the accusation, saying, "we are not involved in killings, and I think that this blame game should be stopped."

Leghari, the police chief, said at least three of the killings did not seem to be politically motivated and were carried out during "other criminal offenses."

The killings were reminiscent of the violence that followed Haider's murder. At least 45 people died in the days following his killing.

Police have arrested at least 60

people in connection with the most recent shootings, Mirza said. But few killers in such cases have ever been brought to justice, and motives for the attacks have not been revealed.

The rising tension between the MQM and the ANP represents a serious danger to stability in Karachi, a city of some 16 million people and Pakistan's commercial hub.

Pashtuns have been arriving in the city in greater numbers in recent years, fleeing Pakistan army offensives against the Taliban. An estimated 4 million Pashtuns are now in Karachi and many live in sprawling slums on the outskirts that are "no-go" areas for authorities.

Violence has surged in Karachi this year with hundreds of people slain in target killings. This increase has echoes of the city's bloody past.

In the 1980s and 1990s, Karachi was regularly convulsed by violence in which hundreds were killed. MQM leader Altaf Husein fled to London in 1992 as a result of that bloodshed and was granted asylum. He regularly addresses large gatherings of supporters by telephone link. □



# Chavez pledges oil to Belarus for 200 years

By YURAS KARMANAU,

Associated Press Writer

MINSK, Belarus – In one of his typical flamboyant gestures, Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez on Saturday promised to provide oil to the former Soviet republic of Belarus for the next 200 years.

Chavez, who was visiting Belarus on Saturday, promised that Belarusian refineries — the backbone of the country's economy — “would feel no shortages of oil in the next 200 years.”

Venezuela in March agreed to ship 80,000 barrels of heavy crude a day to Belarus as well as create a joint venture to develop oil and natural gas projects in this South American country.

Belarus President Alexander Lukashenko, who critics have dubbed “Europe's last dictator,” is anxious to diversify away from Russian oil supplies as his relations with Moscow grow increasingly sour. Lukashenko is facing a presidential election in December but Moscow has so far refrained from endorsing his bid.

Chavez was in Moscow earlier this week, where he reached a deal with Russia to build Venezuela's first nuclear plant and signed a few energy pacts.

Prime Minister Vladimir Putin said Friday Russia would soon deliver 35 sophisticated tanks to Venezuela, but did not elaborate. Venezuela has since 2005 spent \$4 billion on Russian arms, including helicopters, warplanes and Kalashnikov assault rifles.

Chavez also used his visit to Minsk as yet another occasion to lambast global capitalism:

“There are no debtors in our relationship,” he said. “We are comrades and we are building an alternative to imperialism — a multipolar world.” □



Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez walks with his Belarusian counterpart Alexander Lukashenko, right, in Minsk, Belarus Saturday Oct. 16, 2010. Chavez flew to the Belarusian capital from Moscow as part of his international tour, which also includes Ukraine and Iran.

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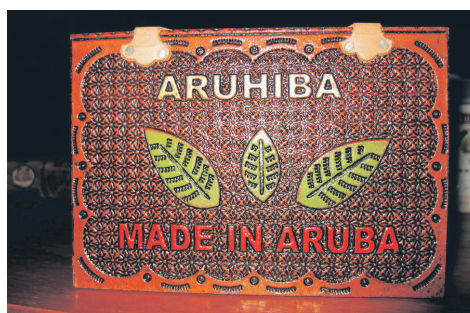
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# SHOCO 2010 Awards of Excellence Gala

PALM BEACH - The SHOCO 2010 Awards of Excellence Gala was held at The Westin Resort Aruba on Friday, October 15. In attendance was Minister of Tourism, Transportation and Labor Otmar Oduber. Other interesting notes are: Supervisor of the Year winner in the Resort category Lino van der Biezen, as Westin Banquets Supervisor worked that evening, pausing only to accept his award; There were two

Martin Dijkhoffs as nominees – a father Martin Dijkhoff Sr. who won for the Allied category as Supervisor of the Year and his son, Martin Dijkhoff Jr. who was a runner-up in the Manager of the Year, resort category.

There were two winners in the Lifetime Achievement category – Ramiro Rafael and Edsel Davelaar,

with the judges unable to name only one winner among outstanding nominees; and the SHOCO Cares winner Francis Groeneveldt, at 26 year old, demonstrated outstanding professional and community commitment. The charity for which he donates his time, Adopt-an-Addict, will receive a 5,000 florin donation from Digicel, the sponsor of the SHOCO awards. □



## 2010 Shoco Awards of Excellence Results:

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Inca Wernet, Bucuti

Ledis Tromp, Occidental

Allied:

Winner:

Iris Veen, De Palm Tours

Semi-Finalist:

Higinia "Ina" Boekhoudt-Ras,

Red Sail Sports

Honorable Mention:

Clifton Ahlip, Tiara Air

Claudia Simmons, Aruba

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Supervisor of the Year:

Resort:

Winner:

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Semi-Finalists:

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Honorable Mention:

Mildred Clemencia, La Cabana

Allied:

Winner:

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Resort:

Winner:

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Jason Gerling, Westin

Honorable Mention:

Martin Dijkhoff, Hyatt

Wilfred Trimon, Occidental

Allied:

Winner:

Christopher Harness, Tiara Air

Young Professional of the Year:

Winner:

Rina Maduro-Geerman, La

Cabana

Semi-Finalist:

Igor Arends, De Palm Tours

Lifetime Achievement:

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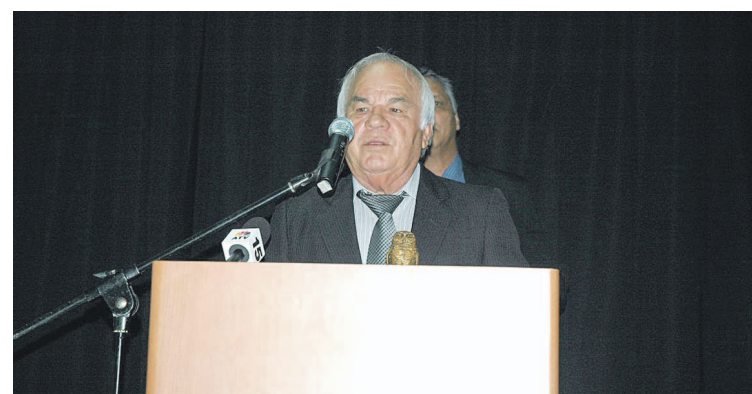
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# PwC throws a fun party at Chino Latino



Palm Beach -- A recent social gathering at Chino Latino served as a farewell party for three departing PwC colleagues including Inoira Maduro, assistant manager Assurance, Jelle Folkeringa, tax manager and Esther Baaij, consultant, who were spreading their individual



wings and pursuing other optional career avenue. The office colleagues used the opportunity to thank them for their valuable past contributions and wish them success in future endeavors. The PwC crew then exercised its intellect playing Trivial Pursuit with quiz-master Evert Bongers, in the style of the Plaza Quiz-Night, resulting in the winning team of Edsel, Rachel, Inoira, Emily, Esther and Marjorie taking first place, for gift certificates of their choice. Pictured here the PwC crew challenging their brain's gray cells, and having fun ... □

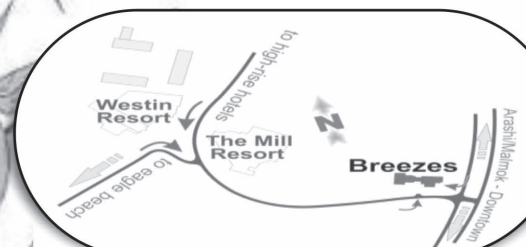


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## Tierra del Sol hosts Cas for Animal Golf Tournament



**WEST PUNT** – The not for profit foundation dedicated to the welfare of all animals especially street dogs, received an Awg 10.000 donation, collected during a charity golf tournament at

Tierra del Sol Kiki Arndt, the motor behind animal Golf Tournament. The Cas Pa Animal shelter expressed her gratitude to generous sponsors who made the event a success.



The sponsors include the Hyatt Regency, Radisson Aruba Resort Casino & Spa, Westin Resort, The Occidental Grand, The Rui Palace, The Marriott Aruba Resort, Divi Resorts, Bucuti Beach Resort & Tara Suites, La Cabana Beach & Racquet Club, Aruba Trading, Romar Trading, Ling & Sons Super Centre, Super Food, Kong King Supermarket, Gem Stones, Starbuck Coffge, Nagico Insurance, Dunkin Donuts, PWC, International Management & Trusdt, CMB, RBTT, Top Car, Compra NV, Valero oil refinery.

Winner enjoyed an award ceremony at sunset, at Tierra del Sol, posing in our snapshots with golf pro Adam Williamson and Kiki Arndt. Top three golfing pairs were Larry Murphy & Scott Himmelberger, Clifton Ling

& Ray Perez and Mathew Brinkman & Liam v. Ramshorst. Five nearest to the pin opportunities were landed by Ray Perez, on hole #3 & #13, Randolph Arends, Kim Tileman and Maurice Delisle. □



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## HUMAN HINTS

# Depression 1

If you become depressed, go with it for the moment. We've been taught that depression is bad, and that we must fight it, but that is missing the point. Depression is helpful in many ways, and to avoid it is to avoid growth.

I know depression can be extreme, and I've learned to respect its powerfully seductive dangers. I do not intend to diminish depression here, only to enlighten it from a different angle. If you suffer from extreme depression, you will know it, and it is your responsibility to value your self enough to get professional help.

On a certain level, it feels really good to be depressed. It is so easy to fall into depression because a part of us really wants to. Giving in to depression is self-indulgence, which feels really good, and is healthy to some extent. Self indulgence can be healthy if you know how and when to pull yourself out of it. Overindulgence gets us in trouble. Everything in moderation, especially self-indulgence.

If you feel depression coming on, indulge your self a little. Don't avoid a depressed feeling. Embrace it without letting it swallow you.

That's the easy, fun part. Now comes the challenge. We must find the courage within our selves to release our depression. We can consciously step out of it like a skin that no longer fits. This takes big picture perspective and short term action. We find the courage to take action, to complete the next task at hand, then the next, then the next, by believing in a bigger picture, a higher purpose greater than our depression.

We each hold the power to do this for our selves. It is one of the responsibilities we have taken on as Human. It might be hard, but it is always rewarding to pull your self out the other side. We all know how amazing it feels to have grown. The struggle is always worth it.

Until Tomorrow.

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~Quentin Danziger

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## RESULTS BRIDGE SESSIONS ALOHA BRIDGE CLUB ARUBA

Thursday morning, 14 October 2010

A total of 13 pairs joined the bridge session at the Members Lounge of the Aruba Beach Club Resort.

The results 50% and higher are as follows:

- 1 Lorraine Wright / Addy Eilers 62.50 %
- 2 Geke In 't Veld / Annemieke de Cuba 57.83 %
- 3 Ghislaine Mendes / Iola Tjin-Tham-Sjin 56.75 %
- 4 Helen and Chris Goody 56.60 %
- 5 Marion Pijper / Lieneke Kluiving 56.09 %
- 6 Sheila Lampe / Edith Henriquez 51.10 %
- 7 Kathy Rasenberger / Els Lacle 50.40 %

Friday evening, 15 October 2010

A total of 8 pairs joined the bridge session at the Frank Conway Room of Casa del Mar.

The results 50% and higher are as follows:

- 1 Sheila Lampe / Edith Henriquez 63.48 %
- 2 Els Lacle / Kathy Rasenberger 57.85 %
- 3 Lorraine and Leonard Wright 53.96 %
- 4 Annemieke and Emmy de Cuba 53.55 %
- 5 Addy Eilers / Willem Jacobusse 51.83 %

Aloha Bridge Club Aruba meets twice a week: on Thursday mornings at the Members Lounge of the Aruba Beach Club Resort, starting at 9.00 am and on Friday evenings at the Frank Conway Roomn of Casa del Mar, starting at 7.30 pm. Signing up closes ten minutes before starting time. Fee for guest players \$ 6.00 or Afl. 10.00 per person. The club can also be of assistance in finding single players a bridge partner. Please call Addy Eilers, tel. 5824953. □



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## AAA bids farewell to Chief Border Police Miguel Maduro

ORANJESTAD - On October 13, 2010 Aruba Airport Authority N.V.'s Director, Mr. Peter Steinmetz, together with AAA's Business Unit Manager Security, Mrs. Angeline Flemming and Business Unit Manager Terminal, Mrs. Barbara Brown, presented farewell gifts to Chief Border Police Airport, Mr. Miguel Maduro. Mr. Maduro has been posted at the Airport for more than ten years and will be retiring from the Aruba Police Force in the coming weeks. Mr. Maduro has served as government employee for more than 36 years, of which 32 years in various functions and ranks in the Aruba Police Force. Mr. Steinmetz thanked Mr. Maduro for his efforts in making Aruba Airport more safe and secure. Mr. Maduro was commended by Mrs. Flemming for his continuous focus on teamwork and customer service orientation. Finally, Mr. Steinmetz wished Mr. Maduro all the best with his future endeavors. □

## Mountain bike race around Aruba's highest hill Jamanota



ORANJESTAD - Scores of Aruban amateur mountain bike riders participated in Sunday morning's race "Tribal MBT Xtreme Competition 2010" held around the foot the island's highest hill Jamanota located in the northeastern countryside. The approximately 10 km route that circulates Jamanota took

the riders up hill and down dale in extremely rough conditions in an event in which the participants seek to obtain relaxation on a Sunday morning. The accompanying images depict some of the riders pedaling through the scenic route. □

~ Photos by Anthony Carlo





# Muay Thai & MMA Beginners Fights in Aruba



ORANJESTAD - The sports of Muay Thai and Mixed Martial Arts have a large following in Aruba. The athletes and the public came together last Saturday night in the Betico Croes Sports Center in Santa Cruz for the "Muay Thai & MMA Beginners Fight" event organized by 2BFit Studio. The card had a total of 13 fights in different categories, ranging from beginners to advanced and teenagers to more mature athletes. The main event was the Thai Boxing match between local martial arts stars Ryan Brete en Virgil Lisper. Lisper knocked Brete down in the first of three rounds. The knockdown seems to have made the difference in the tight decision awarded to Lisper. The accompanying images depict some of the actions. □



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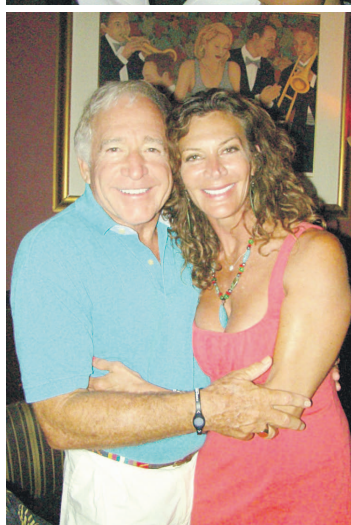




# Oreo Heats Up Garufa



Oranjestad – Claudius Philips and his Oreo Band infected party-goers with Saturday Night Fever at Garufa Ultra Lounge, on Saturday night. Lounge Manager David Garcia reports that the party was enjoyed by all and that visitors and locals may also look forward to the

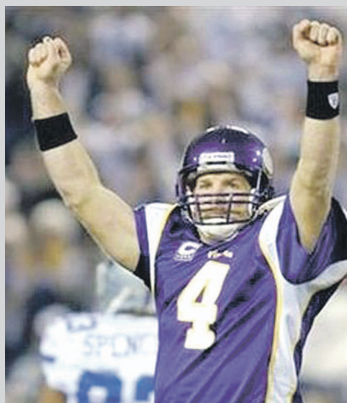


BEST Halloween Party on Saturday, October 30th, 2010, when a SPOOKTACULAR Halloween night is planned with the TRAMPS, Aruba's favorite live band, playing hits of the '60s, '70s & '80s, at no cover charge. Garufa Ultra Lounge will be awarding prizes for the winners of the ghoulish Costume Parade and will be serving many delicious Scary

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Minnesota Vikings quarterback Brett Favre celebrates his team's touchdown on the Dallas Cowboys during the first quarter of their NFL Divisional playoff football game in Minneapolis, Minnesota, January 17, 2010.

### Favre active for Vikings against Cowboys

MINNEAPOLIS — Brett Favre is on the active list for the Minnesota Vikings, extending the quarterback's record streak of consecutive games started to 290.

Favre was listed as questionable this week because of tendinitis in his throwing elbow.

The Vikings also put rookie cornerback Chris Cook on the active list for Sunday's game against Dallas. Cook was listed as questionable, recovering from a torn meniscus in his left knee.

The Vikings put rookie running back Toby Gerhart and fullback Naufahu Tahi on the inactive list. Center John Sullivan was active, but Jon Cooper was listed as the starter. Sullivan was questionable because of a calf injury.

Cowboys rookie wide receiver Dez Bryant was on the active list. He was listed as questionable because of rib and ankle injuries.

## I'M THE MASTER



Andy Murray of Britain reacts after a point won against Roger Federer of Switzerland in the final at the Shanghai Masters ATP Tennis tournament. Murray defeated Federer 6-3, 6-2 to win the Masters, his second finals victory over the Swiss former world number one in two months.



Oklahoma Sooners quarterback Landry Jones passes against Iowa State in the second quarter of an NCAA college football game in Norman, Okla., Saturday, Oct. 16, 2010. Oklahoma won 52-0.

(AP Photo/Sue Ogrocki)  
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# Oregon soars to No. 1 in AP poll

By RALPH D. RUSSO,  
AP College Football Writer

Known for its ever-changing, often outrageous uniforms and a point-a-minute offense, Oregon now has a new distinction: No. 1 team in the country.

The Ducks climbed to the top spot for the first time Sunday, moving up one position during an off week after previously top-ranked Ohio State lost 31-18 at Wisconsin on Saturday night.

Boise State also moved up one place to No. 2. Oklahoma jumped three spots to No. 3, passing No. 4 TCU. Auburn moved up two spots to fifth, while the Buckeyes dropped to 11th.

Oregon becomes the 43rd team to hold the No. 1 ranking in the AP media poll, which dates to 1936. The last time a team was No. 1 for the first time was almost 20 years ago to the day, when Virginia rose to No. 1 on Oct. 14, 1990.

Ohio State's loss came a week after then-No. 1 Alabama was beaten by South Carolina. Heisman Trophy contender LaMichael James and Oregon will try to avoid becoming the third straight No. 1 team to lose when it plays at home against UCLA on Thursday night.

The Ducks received 39 first-



**Oregon fans celebrate after LaMichael James scored a touchdown in the first quarter of an NCAA college football game against Washington State Saturday, Oct. 9, 2010, at Martin Stadium in Pullman, Wash. Oregon won 43-23.**

(AP Photo/Dean Hare)

place votes and 1,471 points. Boise State had 15 first-place votes and TCU (three) and Oklahoma (three) also got votes as the top team in the country.

The first BCS standings, which use the coaches' poll and Harris poll in its calculations, along with computer ratings, were due out Sunday night.

The rest of the AP top 10 was LSU at No. 6, followed by Alabama, Michigan State,

Utah and Wisconsin, which jumped eight spots after its big win at Camp Randall Stadium.

Florida was one of four teams falling out of the poll. The Gators dropped their third straight game Saturday — 10-7 to Mississippi State — and are unranked for the first time since the final poll of the 2004 season.

Also dropping out were Air Force, Nevada and Oregon State. Nebraska fell nine spots to No. 14 after losing 20-13 to Texas. The Longhorns moved back in at No. 22, along with No. 23 Virginia Tech and No. 25 Miami. Mississippi State is at No. 24, its first ranking since 2001.

That was also a breakout season for Oregon. Under coach Mike Bellotti, quarterback Joey Harrington and the Ducks finished No.

2 and probably should have received a chance to play for the national championship, but were squeezed out by a BCS formula that was later changed.

Bellotti took over the program from Rich Brooks after the Ducks went to the 1995 Rose Bowl and Brooks bolted for the NFL. It was Oregon's first Rose Bowl appearance in almost 40 years, a major happening for a program that had spent decades as an afterthought.

The 1995 Rose Bowl trip was only the 10th bowl appearance in school history. Under Bellotti and with the help of a multimillion-dollar deal with Nike, which is run by Oregon alum Phil Knight, the program bolstered its facilities and resources, and Oregon became a consistent winner and contender in the Pac-10.

But after that 2001 national title run, the Ducks slipped a bit as Pete Carroll and Southern California dominated the Pac-10. In 2007, it looked as if the Ducks were breaking through again, beating the Trojans and reaching No. 2 with Heisman contender Dennis Dixon running new offensive coordinator Chip Kelly's spread attack.

Dixon blew out his knee on a Thursday night against Arizona, though, and the Ducks went into a tailspin. After the 2008 season, Bellotti stepped down as coach and Kelly was promoted.

Oregon finally unseated USC atop the Pac-10 last season and returned to the Rose Bowl with quarterback Jeremiah Masoli leading the way. Masoli was kicked off the team after legal problems, but the Ducks haven't slowed down.

Quarterback Darron Thomas has stepped into the role of dual-threat triggerman and James leads the nation in rushing at 169 yards per game. Running a high-speed spread that leaves opponents gasping for air and futilely grasping for ball carriers, the Ducks are averaging 54 points per game, tops in the nation.

And now they're No. 1 in the rankings, too.

Oregon's Pac-10 rival Stanford is No. 12, followed by Iowa, Nebraska and Arizona. Florida State was No. 16, followed by two surprising undefeated Big 12 teams — No. 17 Oklahoma State and No. 18 Missouri, which welcomes the Sooners to town on Saturday.

South Carolina slipped nine spots to No. 19 when it followed up its upset of Alabama by losing to Kentucky 31-28. West Virginia is the lone ranked Big East team at No. 20, and Arkansas dropped nine spots to No. 21 after losing 65-43 to Auburn. □

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## Everton down Liverpool as new era starts with loss

by Rob Woollard

LONDON – Liverpool were beaten 2-0 by Everton in the Merseyside derby on Sunday as the English footballing giants' new era got off to a bitterly disappointing start.

Goals in each half from Tim Cahill and Mikel Arteta sealed the points for Everton, who moved up to 11th in the Premier League standings as Liverpool slipped to second from bottom.

In Sunday's late game, Manchester City slashed Chelsea's lead at the top of the table to just two points after two goals from talismanic skipper Carlos Tevez and David Silva secured a 3-2 victory at battling Blackpool. City, who were outplayed for long periods by their newly promoted opponents, moved up to second place after the victory.

Earlier, Liverpool's new American owner John W. Henry looked on at Goodison Park as Roy Hodgson's Reds crashed to their fourth defeat of the season, leaving them with only six points from eight games.

Afterwards a defiant Hodgson denied Liverpool were in crisis despite a defeat which continued their worst start to a season for 57 years.

"I don't feel it to be a crisis because the way we have played today I don't think anyone would believe that is the type of football of a team in the bottom three," Hodgson told the BBC.

"I think we can consider ourselves unlucky."

Hodgson also defended out-of-sorts striker Fernando Torres, who had another fruitless afternoon in front of goal, saying the Spanish international was still struggling to recover his best form after the World Cup.

"We don't have any injury

problems with him. He got battered for his performances at the World Cup and mentally he is a bit low," Hodgson said. "He needs a goal to get his confidence back. I have no qualms with his performance against Everton."

Everton boss David Moyes meanwhile was satisfied with a result which lifted them clear of the drop zone.

"We are getting away from the wrong end of the table. We are a good enough team to be at the top end," he told Sky Sports.

"I thought we have played better in the majority of games than we did today but it was a derby and a different kind of game."

"Some of our performances (earlier in the season) were good but we did not get the result but today we did enough."

A frenetic opening spell saw Everton take the lead on 34 minutes. Irish wide player Seamus Coleman surged down the right and cut back an inviting cross for Cahill, who blasted high into the net past Liverpool goalkeeper Pepe

Reina.

The goal was no less than Everton deserved after they dominated a feisty first half that saw referee Howard Webb book three players -- Everton's Cahill and Liverpool's Maxi Rodriguez and Raul Meireles. Ayegbeni Yakubu forced a smart low save from Reina shortly before Everton took the lead, while Reina had to be alert on the stroke of half-time to save a rising long-range shot from Leon Osman.

Spanish midfield maestro Arteta doubled Everton's lead five minutes after the interval, lashing home a swerving right-foot shot from the edge of the area. With the clock ticking down, Torres saw a shot well-saved by Tim Howard but it could not mask another disappointing afternoon for the Spaniard, who also picked up a late booking.

In Sunday's late game at Bloomfield Road, Blackpool were desperately unlucky to come away empty-handed after a spirited performance where they more than held their own against cash-rich City. □



Liverpool midfielder Steven Gerrard (R) and Everton's midfielder Phil Jagielka compete for the ball during their English Premier League football match at Goodison Park in Liverpool, north-west England. Liverpool were beaten 2-0 as the English footballing giants' new era got off to a bitterly disappointing start.

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## Rutgers' LeGrand has no movement below neck

*After spinal cord injury*

NEW YORK- Rutgers defense tackle Eric LeGrand currently has no movement below the neck following surgery Saturday night for a spinal cord injury he suffered in the Scarlet Knights' 23-20 overtime victory at Army. "I was at the hospital all night and I can tell you that Eric's sprits were as good as you could expect," Rutgers coach Greg Schiano said Sunday. "He has a new set of challenges ahead of him but he will look at these just

like he has all the others and overcome them." LeGrand injured his spinal cord making a tackle on a kickoff return in the fourth quarter. He remained motionless on the field for five minutes before a backboard was placed under him and he was taken to Hackensack University Medical Center. "We are a close family and there is no doubt in my mind this will bring us even closer together," Schiano said.

"We've been very honest (with the players) and told them exactly what was going on. We talked with them a great deal about how Eric plays, how he approaches things. He is a part of this family and he would want us to go out and prepare and play like he did." LeGrand, a 6-2, 275-pound junior, has been a member of Rutgers' nine-player leadership council for two years. "It's a high position, second

only to captain in our football program," Schiano said. "With his work ethic, his ability to stay in the moment, Eric is a model guy in our football program. He's a great teammate and a guy who really loves to play the game." Schiano called Penn State coach Joe Paterno on Saturday night. Paterno went through a similar situation with Nittany Lion Adam Taliaferro in 2000. Taliaferro, a freshman defensive back,

was paralyzed from the neck down after making a tackle of an Ohio State running back. Although given only a 3% chance of recovering the use of his arms and legs, Taliaferro eventually regained the use of all his limbs. "I've never been a situation like this before and I called (Paterno) last night," Schiano said. "I'm going to keep (what was said) between Joe and I, but I just wanted to make sure there was nothing I was overlooking." Rutgers plays at Pittsburgh this week and Schiano said it was too early for the team to firm up what kind of tribute the Scarlet Knights will make to recognize LeGrand. "We're not there yet," Schiano said. "We are going to believe Eric LeGrand is going to walk on that field again with us. That's what we believe." □

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# Fifa faces call to delay World Cup bid vote after corruption claims

LONDON- FIFA was tonight put under intense pressure to suspend the bidding process for the 2018 and 2022 World Cups pending a full inquiry into alleged vote-selling by two senior officials.

Allegations that two key members of the executive committee which will decide the tournament hosts offered to sell their votes have prompted turmoil within the corridors of powers at Fifa's Zurich headquarters and provoked carefully suppressed anger among members of England's 2018 bid team.

The revelations have also caused a schism within football's world governing body over whether or not to postpone its vote, scheduled for 2 December, to determine the destinations of both World Cups while it investigates serious corruption allegations made in the Sunday Times today.

Although some high-ranking figures within Fifa insist the vote should still take place as planned other senior officials are actively pressing for postponement. This chimes with the demands of a source close to the bidding process who told the Guardian that Fifa would have to suspend it pending a full inquiry.

Although privately furious to discover they may not have been competing on a level playing field, members of England's 2018 team were anxious not to derail a campaign they have poured considerable energy into by speaking out. "It's far too sensitive, politically," said a source. The public talking was left to William Hague, the foreign secretary, who said his government was "very disturbed".

Sepp Blatter, the Fifa president, who met David Cameron last week to discuss England's 2018 bid, has written to each of the 24 executive committee members promising an in-depth investigation and asking them to remain silent on the subject. One prominent member of the committee did speak out, however, and said the vote should still go ahead

as planned. Chuck Blazer, based in New York, said he remained optimistic of a swift resolution and an early December vote. "It should not take the ethics committee very long to ascertain all the facts," said Blazer. "The date of 2 December was chosen specifically and I see no reason why this would be delayed."

As the debate about whether to shelve voting on 2 December raged on, Fifa's ethics committee embarked on an urgent investigation into the allegations about Nigeria's Amos Adamu, the president of the West African football union, and Tahiti's Reynald Temarii, the president of the Oceania Football Confederation.

Both men are members of Fifa's 24 man executive committee and reporters arranged meetings with them by posing as lobbyists for a consortium of private North American companies who wanted to take the World Cup to the United States.

The US, Australia, Qatar, Japan and South Korea are bidding for the 2022 tournament while England, Russia, Spain/Portugal and the Netherlands/Belgium are seeking to host the 2018 event. On Friday, the US, who had been competing on both fronts, withdrew from the race for 2018.

During meetings in London and Cairo, Adamu allegedly told journalists that he wanted £500,000 to build four artificial football pitches in Nigeria. He was caught on camera asking for funding to support a "personal project" but subsequently claimed he had been discussing post-World Cup business proposals in his home country and that his vote was not for sale.

Temarii is also alleged to have asked for a payment, in his case £1.5m to finance a sports academy, during a meeting in Auckland, New Zealand. The Oceania Football Federation has duly opened an emergency inquiry. In total undercover reporters spoke to six senior Fifa officials, past and present,

who all suggested paying huge bribes to executive committee members.

While Temarii could not be contacted yesterday, Adamu refused to comment. The Nigerian's alleged involvement could spell bad news for England's 2018 chances as the country's bid team has been closely courting the four African votes.

As no African nation is involved in bidding for either tournament and therefore harbours no vested interests, the continent could hold the balance of power in the vote. Any potential suspension for the African confederation could consequently damage England's cause.

In a statement yesterday Fifa

promised to "immediately analyse the material available" but added the rider that: "Only once this analysis has been concluded will we be able to decide on any potential next steps."

Whatever the voting time-frame, Hague will scrutinise Fifa's responses. "It's disturbing to read what we read in today's newspapers," said the foreign secretary. "These are serious allegations. We want all the proceedings in the World Cup bid to be carried out in a way that is ethically correct and that therefore means that everybody can respect the process and respect the result. Britain, whatever

happens and whatever other countries do, will deal with this in a correct way, doing absolutely nothing corrupt, paying no bribes and not corrupting this system in any way."

Blazer offered a different perspective. "I have met five different bid committees," he said. "All have been totally professional, not alluding to any other types of benefit. I don't think people should get the wrong idea of the the Fifa process. The journalists have created a scam, a trap. But just because an English newspaper did this story I do not expect any anti-England backlash on the executive committee." □



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# Murray crushes Federer to win Shanghai Masters

SHANGHAI (AFP) – Andy Murray buried remnants of his 2010 slump on Sunday with a crushing 6-3, 6-2 defeat of Roger Federer to win a second Masters trophy of the season in Shanghai. It took less than 90 minutes for the fourth-ranked Murray

to completely re-write his 2010 scenario and earn his second shield of the year -- also recording his second consecutive defeat of the Swiss in a Masters final. Defeat denied Federer the chance to draw alongside Rafael Nadal on the all-time

best of 18 Masters titles. "It was obviously a very, very good week," said Murray. "The match was, from my side, very solid. Roger had a couple chances to get back in the first set.

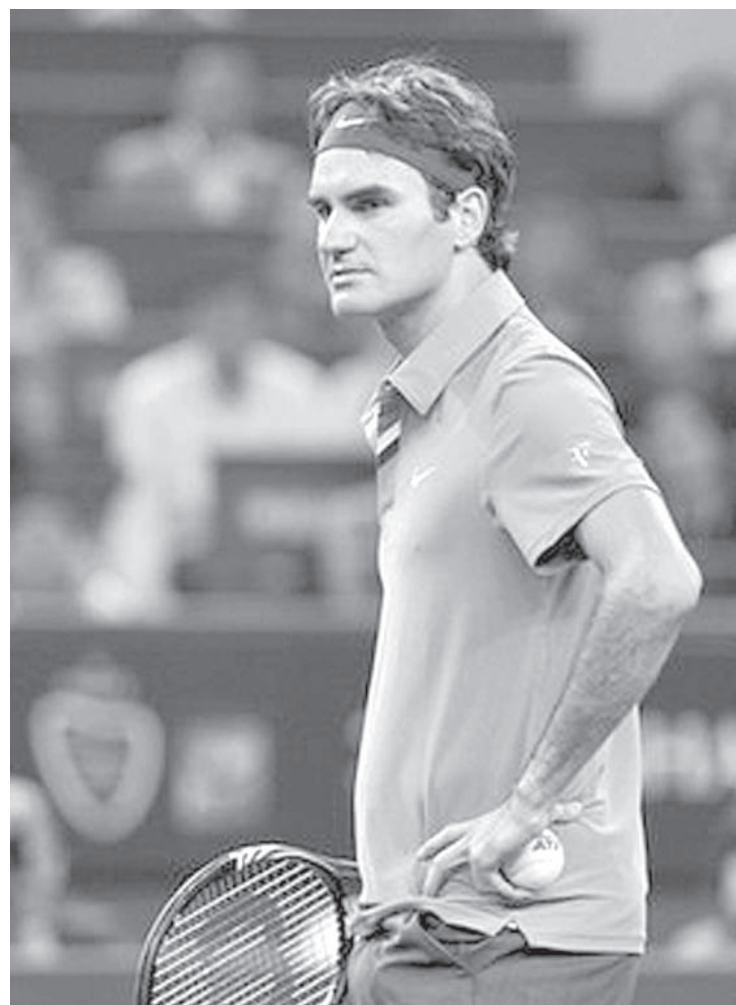
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"It was obviously a great, great match for me. I made few mistakes but as a tournament overall I'm very happy with it," said the player who was ill last week and lost in the Beijing quarter-finals. "I had to play great to have a chance against Roger. But I was able to do that today."

Murray now stands on a solid 8-5 lifetime record against Federer, who will move back to second in the world Monday behind Nadal thanks to his semi-final defeat of Novak Djokovic, which followed a hammering of two-time Roland Garros finalist Robin Soderling.

But Federer's form tapered away when it counted against Murray, who struck 20 winners, saved six break points and broke four times. The performance is bound to restore the confidence of the prickly Scot, who was laughingly admonished during the trophy ceremony with pleas from the emcee to promise to smile more on his next visit.

Federer, with 30 unforced errors, saved a match point in the final game before Murray pulled through for victory under the open roof of the Qi



Roger Federer of Switzerland reacts while he plays against Andy Murray of Britain during their men's singles final of the Shanghai Masters tennis tournament in Shanghai, China, Sunday, Oct. 17, 2010. Murray won over Federer 6-3, 6-2.

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The defeat dropped Federer to 2-4 in 2010 finals, with Murray improving his overall season record to 41-14.

"I enjoy playing him," said Murray. "I don't find it easy at all. It's incredibly difficult every time. "But I love the challenge of playing against him, I don't fear playing him. I know that I could lose the match easily if I don't play my best. So maybe every time I go on, I need to play great tennis to win against him. "I've played some of my best tennis against Roger."

In August, a fortnight before

the start of the US Open, Murray lifted the Toronto trophy at Federer's expense. The 23-year-old Scot lost the Australian Open final to the Swiss in January.

Federer admitted he was outplayed on Sunday. "I know how tough it is to win these Masters titles," said the Swiss. "Andy had a great effort. I had some chances but I couldn't break through. he played great and didn't give me much.

"He made me work hard, I couldn't find many great shots, he was too good. But I still had a good week and beat some good players." □



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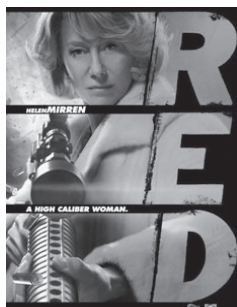
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# Gilbert bags second Lombardy crown

COMO, Italy (AFP) – Belgium's Philippe Gilbert on Saturday picked up a second Tour of Lombardy crown as the one-day specialist landed the final classic race of the season.

The Omega Pharma rider made it back to back wins after he edged out Italian Michele Scarponi by a dozen seconds after the gruelling 260 kilometre event which required seven hours in the saddle in windy, wet conditions.

Spaniard Pablo Lastras trailed in third in the 'race of the falling leaves' a minute off the pace with Dane Jakob Fuglsang leading in the next group of finishers ahead of Italian Tour of Spain winner Vincenzo Nibali and Spanish Olympic champion Samuel Sanchez.

Monaco-based Gilbert made it two wins in three days as Thursday he carried off the Tour of Piedmont, also for the second straight year, compensation in part for missing out on his main objective of the season, the world championships in Australia two weeks ago.

Saturday he strove from the outset to impose his superiority, explaining that "I decided I'd go out there and put the pressure on."

And victory was assured once he had negotiated the tough 9.5km, 6.6 percent gradient Sormano

climb at the 41km to go mark.

He went on to clinch victory after a 20km flat stretch on the shores of Lake Como, leading into the final climb at San Fermo della Battaglia.

"I said the descent" - a spectacular one at that into Como - "would be even tougher than the (San Fermo) climb," said Gilbert, who had clearly done his homework.

Looking back to his Australian disappointment, Gilbert, who revealed that he had made winning the Liege-Bastogne-Liege race his chief 2011 ambition, said he had now digested that experience. "When you give everything you can't be disappointed for too long," he insisted - expressing similar sentiments over an off colour showing in the Paris-Tour last week. Liguigas all-rounder Nibali, who almost came to grief in sliding at one point on the Sormano climb, had hoped to give home fans their first classic win of the season - but instead this has been a barren vintage for the Italians.

Sanchez for his part had finished on the podium three times since 2006 but was just unable to pull off a repeat in the 104th edition of a race won by such luminaries as Fausto Coppi, Eddy Merckx, Bernard Hinault and Sean Kelly. □



Belgian Philippe Gilbert crosses the finish line to win the Tour of Lombardy, at the end of a 260km stretch from Milan to Como. Gilbert on Saturday picked up a second Tour of Lombardy crown as the one-day specialist landed the final classic race of the season.



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# Ben Roethlisberger makes winning return to Steelers' lineup

PITTSBURGH — There was a time last spring, perhaps a few weeks, when a segment of Pittsburgh Steelers fans wanted Ben Roethlisberger traded, their disgust over Roethlisberger's troubling behavior with a woman in a Georgia bar seemingly tainting forever the relationship between a two-time Super Bowl winner and one of the most devoted fan bases in the N.F.L.

But by training camp, the anger had subsided and the applause was back, the most loyal of fans traveling to Latrobe, Pa., to embrace Roethlisberger, who said he was bent on reforming himself and who they knew gave the Steelers the best chance to get back to the playoffs.

On Sunday, with his four-game suspension finally over, and his legal troubles largely behind him, Roethlisberger had tears in his eyes as his name was announced and the cheers washed over him. Then, in a performance marked by early jitters that



sent a few throws sailing high and later three touchdown passes, Roethlisberger led the Steelers to a 28-10 victory over the Cleveland Browns.

The victory put an end to Roethlisberger's agonizing exile from the N.F.L., but it also

made clear that the Steelers, at 4-1, with offensive balance that was absent last season and a powerhouse defense, are among the N.F.L.'s elite.

"I don't think it hit me until I was pulling into the stadium," Roethlisberger said. "I

started to think about it and everything, and then on the field before the game, I got a little emotional. I felt like it was a pretty good day. I felt like I left a lot of plays out there, missed some things here and there."

The Steelers, who had the worst-rated passing attack in the N.F.L. without Roethlisberger, will take it. His reinsertion into the lineup opens up plays that Byron Leftwich or Charlie Batch never could, because of how sturdy he is and how long he can keep plays alive by moving around. And by invigorating the offense, Roethlisberger indirectly helped the defense tee off on the Browns.

He finished 16 of 27 for 257 yards, 3 touchdowns and an interception. On one play in the third quarter, Roethlisberger was crushed by Browns linebacker Scott Fujita as he sent the ball into the air. Fifty yards later, Mike Wallace caught it. On the next play, Roethlisberger rifled a pass down the left side of the field for a 36-yard completion to Heath Miller. The drive ended with a touchdown, and the game left his teammates raving about the speed of his reads and his command of the game. □

## Hughes in Texas: Crushed after 2 scoreless starts

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP)—Phil Hughes(notes) went from never giving up a run at Rangers Ballpark to hardly going an inning without doing so.

And this time, the New York Yankees couldn't bail out a struggling starter.

Hughes entered Saturday with 15 1-3 scoreless innings in Arlington. The streak came to a halt when leadoff man Elvis Andrus(notes) stole home in the first inning. Then the Rangers began taking their whacks against the big right-hander, scoring two runs apiece in the second, third and fifth innings on their way to a 7-2 victory Saturday that tied the AL championship series at one game apiece.

"I didn't give us a chance to win today," Hughes said. "That's what's most disappointing. You want to go out, minimize the damage and give us a chance. But getting down five, you can't do that every time."

Hughes' awful outing followed a similar flop by ace C.C. Sabathia(notes). As worrisome as that is for the reigning World Series champs, the Yankees could soon be concerned about the innings being piled up by their bullpen—nine through two games. Every reliever has gotten in, with Joba Chamberlain(notes) appearing twice.

"Our starters pitched extremely well, and everyone was giddy about them the last series," New York manager Joe Girardi said. "I believe

in our guys and I believe that they will pitch well as we continue forward here."

Hughes dismissed his success at this stadium because it included just one inning this season; the rest came from a start last year and another back in 2007. Still, he was coming off another impressive feat: seven shutout innings last Saturday in his first career playoff start, capping a first-round sweep of the Minnesota Twins.

So the Rangers came in wary of not getting much off Hughes.

Andrus opened the bottom of the first with a chopper off Hughes' glove that went for an infield single. He took second as soon as he saw a wild pitch hit the dirt, then stole third. Texas manager Ron Washington wanted to maximize the scoring chance, so with Josh Hamilton(notes) on first base, he tried a double steal. It worked, with Andrus sliding into home without even drawing a throw.

The Rangers didn't bother scratching out runs after that.

A solo homer by David Murphy(notes) in the second started a parade of extra-base hits, with Texas getting at least two in each of its rallies. He seemed to have settled down when he had a 1-2-3 fourth inning, then was pulled after giving up a double and triple opening the fifth.

"I thought my stuff was good in the first, but I was fighting out there in the middle innings,"

Hughes said. "They were jumping on every fastball that was up and over the plate. It was a struggle to get the ball on the corners and down. It just wasn't my day."

The runner Hughes left behind at third ended up scoring, so he was charged with all seven runs and 10 hits in four-plus innings. He walked three (one intentionally) and struck out three, all in the first inning. He also left the bases loaded in the third.

"I expect him to better next time," Girardi said. This was the second-shortest of Hughes' 31 starts in 2010. The day before, Sabathia logged his shortest of the year. A benefit of them being KO'd early is that they could come back sooner. The Yankees could start Sabathia on short rest in Game 4 and bring back Hughes for Game 5. That would allow them to skip A.J. Burnett(notes), just 1-7 from Aug. 1 on.

"I haven't discussed that with anyone," Girardi said. "If we worry about Game 4 before Game 3, we are going to be in trouble."

At least his bullpen has been as good as his starters have been bad.

Four relievers combined for five scoreless innings in the opener, then four guys put together four more scoreless frames Saturday. If you're scoring at home, that's a 13.50 ERA for the starters (12 runs, eight innings) and 0.00 ERA for the relievers (nine innings). □





## Many obese people see no need to lose weight

NEW YORK – A substantial proportion of obese people don't think they're too fat, new research shows.

Among more than 2,000 obese Dallas County residents surveyed in 2000-2002, 14 percent of African Americans and 11 percent of Hispanics -- but just 2 percent of whites -- believed that they did not need to lose weight, Dr. Tiffany M. Powell of the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center in Dallas and her colleagues found.

People who misperceived their body size were happier with their health, and felt healthier, than those who did recognize their obesity; they were also more likely to think they were at low risk of developing high blood pressure or diabetes or having a heart attack during their lifetimes. In fact, two-thirds of people with body size misperception thought they were at low risk of becoming obese.

The study "points to really a lack of understanding about the effects of obesity," Powell told Reuters Health. At the same time, she added, "you walk a fine line, because you don't want people to necessarily have an unhealthy body image, but you also want people to understand that they need to lose weight."

Powell and her colleagues investigated body size misperception among 2,056 men and women participating in the Dallas Heart Study. All were obese, meaning that they had a body mass index (BMI; a measure of weight in relation to height used to gauge obesity) of 30 or greater. For a woman 5 feet 5 inches tall, this translates to weighing at least 180 pounds; for a 6-foot-tall man, this would mean weighing at least 221 pounds.

The researchers gauged study participants' body perception by having them look at a series of nine figures in a row, from very thin to very obese, and asking them first to choose their ideal figure, and then to choose the figure that looked like them. People who chose ideal body sizes that were the same or bigger than their actual body size were classified as misperceiving their body size. Eight percent of the study participants overall did not consider themselves to be obese. More educated people or those with higher incomes were no more likely to perceive their weight accurately than less-educated people or those who made less money, the researchers found.

But there were major differences in how people with body size misperception saw their own health risks, even though their actual health risks -- for example, whether or not they had high blood pressure -- were no different from people with accurate perception of their body size. For example, half thought they were healthier than most people their age, compared to a third of people who perceived their weight accurately.

Forty-four percent had not seen a doctor at all in the past year, compared to a quarter of those who accurately gauged their weight. When the "misperceivers" did see a health care provider, they were less likely to discuss their diet, physical activity level, or whether they needed to lose weight.

Based on the findings, Powell said, physicians may want to take a step back before discussing lifestyle habits with their obese patients, and asking them first about how they perceive their weight and whether or not they think they need to lose weight. The fact that many of these people may not see a doctor at all also makes it important to reach out to them in the community, she added, for example at church health fairs.

It's possible, according to Powell, that heavy people's self-perceptions are changing because overweight and obesity are becoming so much more common. "There is this tendency that if everyone around you looks a certain way, you either want to look that way or you're comfortable looking the way you are," Powell said. □



In this Sept. 26, 2010 photo, Lindsay Avner, right, founder of Bright Pink, a breast cancer awareness organization, drives to Chicago's North Ave. Beach with her mother, Wendy, dog, Brinkley, and father, Brett. The realization that cancer would forever shape her life came early on, as young Lindsay Avner looked around the dinner table at family gatherings and saw very few women, especially on her mother's side.

(AP Photo/Charles Rex Arbogast)

## Cancer activist's approach: Real, a bit irreverent

By MARTHA IRVINE,  
AP National Writer

CHICAGO – Lindsay Avner is no shrinking violet. She's a bright pink whirlwind, with a closet full of dresses cut from that very color and a cancer-fighting organization she named for it.

Bold yet calculating, she is the nice girl who knows how to get what she wants, and how to get away with saying things others couldn't, or wouldn't.

"Mind your melons," Avner, who's 28, tells any young woman who'll listen. "Touch your ta-tas."

"Remember to check in with 'the girls' every so often."

It is an edgy approach that sometimes raises eyebrows, at least outside the young demographic she's trying to reach — not to mention the disapproval of some breast cancer researchers who don't necessarily think that self-exams are the most effective approach for detection.

But they're missing the point, Avner says. Self-exam is one tool, a way to get her peers talking about a topic they often avoid, or think no one else understands: their breast and ovarian health.

It appears to be working. Her fledgling Bright Pink organization now has 10 chapters across the country and the kind of fundraising success in a recession that would make most nonprofit executives envious. Sponsors include major brands, from Wrigley's Orbit White gum and Vespa scooters to a line of pink gym equipment sold at Sports Authority.

As she likes to say, "This is not your mother's cancer organization."

Nor is this a battle that Avner necessarily chose.

Rather, it chose her.

The realization that cancer would forever shape her life came early on, as young Lindsay Avner looked around the dinner table at family gatherings and saw very few women, especially on her mother's side.

Her maternal great-grandmother and grandmother died of breast cancer one week apart, when Avner's own mother was only 18. In those days, people didn't talk much about the "c-word"; Avner's mother had no idea how sick her mother or grandmother were until they were gone.

Through the years, two of her mom's aunts and a cousin also died of the same disease. Then, in 1994, when Avner had just turned 12, she remembers coming home from school and seeing her father's car in the driveway of their home in Bexley, Ohio, a suburb of Columbus.

She knew something was up. It was unusual for her father to be home from work that early. "Hi, honey," her mom, Wendy Avner, said in a gentle tone, asking her daughter to sit down with them. "We've got something to tell you."

Her mother had breast cancer, too.

Young Lindsay immediately thought the worst and wondered who would tuck her in at night, as her mother had always done.

She developed odd superstitions: making sure she brushed her teeth and hair and washed her face in the same order each night so her mother wouldn't die.

"It was my way of trying to control a situation I couldn't control," she now says.

Then, 10 months later, her mother was diagnosed with ovarian cancer, too. □





In this film publicity image released by Paramount Pictures, Johnny Knoxville is shown in a scene from 'Jackass 3D.'

(AP Photo/Paramount Pictures)

## 'Jackass' gang pulls biggest stunt with \$50M debut

LOS ANGELES — Johnny Knoxville and his "Jackass" gang are even bigger hits in three dimensions.

"Jackass 3D," their latest big-screen collection of crazy stunts and antics, opened with a whopping \$50 million, soaring past the debuts of their first two movies.

It's the third-straight No. 1 opening for the franchise, which launched with a \$22.8 million

opening for 2002's "Jackass: The Movie" and continued with a \$29 million debut for 2006's "Jackass Number Two."

Premiering at No. 2 with \$22.5 million is the action comedy "Red," starring Bruce Willis, Morgan Freeman, Helen Mirren, John Malkovich and Mary-Louise Parker in the tale of retired black-ops agents targeted by the CIA. □

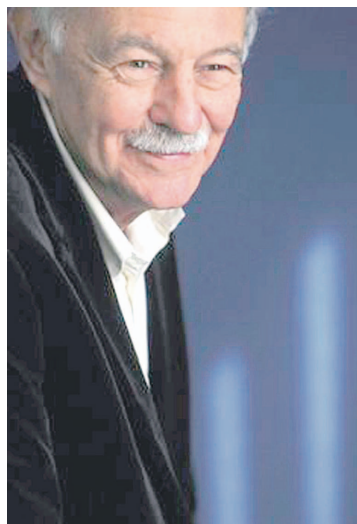
## Barbara Billingsley, Beaver Cleaver's TV mom, dies

By CHRISTOPHER WEBER, Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — The affection people had for "Leave it to Beaver" many

years after the series ended was a source of both surprise and satisfaction for Barbara Billingsley, who endeared herself to TV viewers with her

## Spain: pre-civil war novel wins major prize



Spanish writer Eduardo Mendoza poses for the media in Barcelona, Spain, Saturday, Oct. 16, 2010. Eduardo Mendoza has won Spain's most lucrative literary prize for a novel set in Madrid on the eve of the country's devastating civil war. The Premio Planeta was announced late Friday at a ceremony in Barcelona and carries a Euro 601,000 (\$846,750) cash award. Mendoza's novel 'Rina de gatos, Madrid 1936' (Cat Fight, Madrid 1936) pits an imaginary character against a historically real person just before hostilities erupted in what became a three-year conflict.

(AP Photo/Manu Fernandez)

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Mendoza's novel "Rina de gatos, Madrid 1936" (Cat Fight, Madrid 1936) is set just before hostilities erupted in what became a three-year conflict.

The plot centers on a British art expert who visits Spain in the increasingly chaotic days before war and discovers a canvas which appears to be a previously unknown Velazquez painting of incalculable value.

Among the real characters in the novel are right-wing politician Jose Antonio Primo de Rivera and Gen. Francisco Franco, who was to become dictator of Spain after the conflict.

"The novel poses readers with the problem of what they would do if faced with those circumstances, which fortunately we aren't in any more," Mendoza said at a news conference on Saturday. The prize was founded in 1952 by Planeta, one of Spain's top publishers, and is open to both Spaniards and Latin Americans.

Previous winners include Nobel laureates for literature Mario Vargas Llosa of Peru and the late Spaniard Camilo Jose Cela, who won the Nobel in 1989. □

gentle portrayal of the mother of Beaver and Wally.

"We knew we were making a good show, because it was so well written," Billingsley once said. "But we had no idea what was ahead. People still talk about it and write letters, telling how much they watch it today with their children and grandchildren."

The 94-year-old Billingsley, who played June Cleaver in the 1950s-1960s television series, died Saturday after a long illness at her home in Santa Monica, said family spokeswoman Judy Twersky. When the show debuted in 1957, Jerry Mathers, who played Beaver, was 9, and Tony Dow, who portrayed Wally, was 12. Billingsley's character, the perfect stay-at-home mom, was always there to gently but firmly nurture both through the ups and downs of childhood.

Beaver, meanwhile, was a typical boy whose adventures landed him in one comical crisis after another.

Billingsley's own two sons said she was pretty much the image of June Cleaver in real life, although the actress disagreed.

"She was every bit as nurturing, classy, and lovely as 'June Cleaver,' and we were so proud to share her with the world," her son Glenn Billingsley said Saturday.

She did acknowledge that she may have become more like June as the series progressed. "I think what happens is that the writers start writing about you as well as the character they created," she once said. "So you become sort of all mixed up, I think."

A wholesome beauty with a

lithe figure, Billingsley began acting in her elementary school's plays and soon discovered she wanted to do nothing else.

Although her beauty and figure won her numerous roles in movies from the mid-1940s to the mid-1950s, she failed to obtain star status until "Leave it to Beaver," a show that she almost passed on.

"I was going to do another series with Buddy Ebsen for the same producers, but somehow it didn't materialize," she told The Associated Press in 1994. "A couple of months later I got a call to go to the studio to do this pilot show. And it was 'Beaver.'"

After "Leave it to Beaver" left the air in 1963 Billingsley largely disappeared from public view for several years. She resurfaced in 1980 in a hilarious cameo in "Airplane!" playing a demure elderly passenger not unlike June Cleaver.

When flight attendants were unable to communicate with a pair of jive-talking hipsters, Billingsley's character volunteered to translate, saying "I speak jive." The three then engage in a raucous street-slang conversation.

"No chance they would have cast me for that if I hadn't been June Cleaver," she once said.

She returned as June Cleaver in a 1983 TV movie, "Still the Beaver," that costarred Mathers and Dow and portrayed a much darker side of Beaver's life.

In his mid-30s, Beaver was unemployed, unable to communicate with his own sons and going through a divorce. Wally, a successful



FILE - In this Sept. 27, 2007 file photo, Barbara Billingsley, of 'Leave It To Beaver,' smiles as the cast members reunite in Santa Monica, Calif. Billingsley, who gained the title supermom for her gentle portrayal of June Cleaver, the warm, supportive mother of a pair of precocious boys in 'Leave it to Beaver,' has died Saturday, Oct. 16, 2010. She was 94.

(AP Photo/Damian Dovarganes, File)

lawyer, was handling the divorce, and June was at a loss to help her son through the transition.

"Ward, what would you do?" she asked at the site of her husband's grave. (Hugh Beaumont, who played Ward Cleaver, had died in 1982.)

The movie revived interest in the Cleaver family, and the Disney Channel launched "The New Leave It to Beaver" in 1985.

The series took a more hopeful view of the Cleavers, with Beaver winning custody of his two sons and all three moving in with June.

In 1997 Universal made a "Leave it to Beaver" theatrical film with a new generation of actors. Billingsley returned for a cameo, however, as Aunt Martha. □





# Obama: End tax breaks to stop overseas hiring



President Barack Obama speaks as Delaware Democratic Senate candidate Chris Coons, left, and Vice President Joe Biden applaud during a fundraiser for Coons, Friday, Oct. 15, 2010, at the Grand Opera House in Wilmington, Del.

(AP Photo/Susan Walsh)

By JULIE PACE,

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — End tax breaks that reward some U.S. companies with overseas subsidiaries and encourage those businesses to create jobs in other countries, President Barack Obama is telling Congress.

Yet it's an idea that has raised concerns even among some lawmakers in the president's own party.

At issue is a bill, now stalled in the Senate, that would do away with some tax credits and deferrals for U.S. companies for operations abroad.

"There is no reason why our tax code should actively reward them for creating jobs overseas," Obama said in his weekly radio and Internet address Saturday. "Instead, we should be using our tax dollars to reward companies that create jobs and businesses within our borders."

Though Obama singled out Republican opposition, the bill also failed to get support from some Democrats, including the chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, Sen. Max Baucus, D-Mont. He has expressed concern that the change would put the U.S. at a competitive disadvantage.

revenue collected from ending the tax provisions to go to other business tax breaks, by making permanent research and development tax credits and allowing businesses next year to write off all new equipment costs.

In the GOP address, Rep. Mike Pence, R-Ind., urged House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., to call Congress back into session to take an immediate vote on whether to extend Bush-era tax cuts.

"The prosperity of the American people is more important than the political fortunes of any politician or any political party," Pence said. Pelosi and Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., have said the tax issue will be taken up after the Nov. 2 election.

The tax cuts have been a point of contention between the president and Republicans in the lead-up to the midterm elections. The GOP wants to extend the tax cuts for all Americans, including the top income earners, while Obama wants to extend the tax cuts only for the middle class — those families earning less than \$250,000 a year. □

The ending of the tax provisions has run into opposition from business groups, including the National Association of Manufacturers.

Obama said that while companies that conduct business internationally do make an important contribution to the U.S. economy, it doesn't make sense to grant them tax breaks when companies at home are struggling to rebound from the economic crisis.

Obama has said he wants

# Foreclosure mess to test stocks' rally

By Edward Krudy

NEW YORK — U.S. banks will be in the limelight this week as several household names report earnings and investors worry a forced halt to foreclosure proceedings could hit the sector and end the recent rally.

Bank shares fell sharply on Friday on very high volume, continuing a slide from the previous day. Although recovering some of their losses, Bank of America (BAC.N) shares hit their lowest in more than a year, while the KBW bank index .BKX> fell 2.4 percent.

Shares of Bank of America, the nation's largest mortgage lender, fell 9 percent during the week. More than 595.9 million of its shares traded on Friday, the most since April 2009 and over four times the 50-day moving average.

Investors worry banks did not follow proper due diligence when foreclosing on homes whose owners were not making mortgage payments, which could result in costly litigation, fines and additional mortgage repurchases.

Kevin Caron, market strategist at Stifel, Nicolaus & Co in Florham Park, New Jersey, said that situation could also weigh on the housing market if the uncertainty discouraged buyers from entering into contracts on properties under foreclosure.

"That speculative investor on the margin may choose to not to engage in that activity, which means there's the potential that you could have some weakness in demand, particularly in the lower-end speculative range of the housing market," he said.

## BANK EXECS ON FIRING LINE

Investors will pepper bank executives with questions when those companies present earnings reports this week. Banks reporting results include Wells Fargo (WFC.N), Bank of America, and Citigroup Inc (C.N), three of the largest mortgage lenders in the nation. The broad S&P financial sector is expected to show earnings of \$27.7 billion in the third quarter, a 71 percent increase over a year earlier, although third-quarter revenue growth is seen falling 6 percent to \$252.9 billion. □

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# Discovery of GPS tracker becomes privacy issue



In this undated photo provided by Yasir Afifi, shows a GPS monitoring device he found on his car in Santa Clara, Calif. Afifi took his car in for an oil change earlier this month and his mechanic spotted an odd wire hanging from the undercarriage. The wire was attached to a strange magnetic device that puzzled Afifi and the mechanic. They freed it from the car and posted images of it online, asking for help in identifying it. Two days later, FBI agents arrived at Afifi's Santa Clara apartment and demanded the return of their property, a global positioning system tracking device now at the center of a raging legal debate over privacy rights.

(AP Photo/ Yasir Afifi)

## US studying Australian Internet security program

By LOLITA C. BALDOR,  
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON—The government is reviewing an Australian program that will allow Internet service providers to alert customers if their computers are taken over by hackers and could limit online access if people don't fix the problem. Obama administration officials have met with industry leaders and experts to find ways to increase online safety while trying to balance securing the Internet and guarding people's privacy and civil liberties. Experts and U.S. officials are interested in portions of the plan, set to go into effect in Australia in December. But any move toward Internet regulation or monitoring by the U.S. government or industry could trigger fierce opposition from the public.

The discussions come as private, corporate and government computers across the U.S. are increasingly being taken over and exploited by hackers and other computer criminals. White House cybercoordinator Howard Schmidt told The Associated Press that the U.S. is looking at a number of voluntary ways to help the public and small businesses better protect themselves online. □

By PAUL ELIAS,  
Associated Press Writer

SAN FRANCISCO — Yasir Afifi, a 20-year-old computer salesman and community college student, took his car in for an oil change earlier this month and his mechanic spotted an odd wire hanging from the undercarriage.

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One federal judge wrote that the widespread use of the device was straight out of George Orwell's novel, "1984".

"By holding that this kind of surveillance doesn't impair an individual's reasonable expectation of privacy, the panel hands the government the power to track the movements of every one of us, every day of our lives," wrote Alex Kozinski, the chief judge of the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, in a blistering dissent in which a three-judge panel from his court ruled that search warrants weren't necessary for GPS tracking.

But other federal and state courts have come to the opposite conclusion.

Law enforcement advocates for the devices say GPS can eliminate time-consuming stakeouts and old-fashioned "tails" with unmarked police cars. The technology had a starring role in the HBO cops-and-robbers series "The Wire" and police use it to track every type of suspect — from terrorist to thieves stealing copper from air conditioners.

That investigators don't need a warrant to use GPS tracking devices in California troubles privacy advocates, technophiles, criminal defense attorneys and others.

The federal appeals court based in Washington D.C. said in August that investigators must obtain a warrant for GPS in tossing out the conviction and life sentence of Antoine Jones, a nightclub owner convicted of operating a cocaine distribution ring. That court concluded that the accumulation of four-weeks worth of data collected from a GPS on Jones' Jeep amounted to a government "search" that required a search warrant.

Judge Douglas Ginsburg said watching Jones' Jeep for an entire month rather than trailing him on one trip made all the difference between surveilling a suspect on public property and a search needing court approval.

"First, unlike one's movements during a single journey, the whole of one's movements over the course of a month is not actually exposed to the public because the likelihood anyone will observe all those movements is effectively nil," Ginsburg wrote. The state high courts of New York, Washington and Oregon have ruled similarly.

The Obama administration last month asked the

D.C. federal appeals court to change its ruling, calling the decision "vague and unworkable" and arguing that investigators will lose access to a tool they now use "with great frequency." After the D.C. appeals court decision, the 9th Circuit refused to revisit its opposite ruling.

The panel had concluded that agents could have gathered the same information by following Juan Pineda-Moreno, who was convicted of marijuana distribution after a GPS device alerted agents he was leaving a suspected "grow site."

"The only information the agents obtained from the tracking devices was a log of the locations where Pineda-Moreno's car traveled, information the agents could have obtained by following the car," Judge Diarmuid O'Scannlain wrote for the three-judge panel.

Two other federal appeals court have ruled similarly.

In his dissent, Chief Judge Kozinski noted that GPS technology is far different from tailing a suspect on a public road, which requires the active participation of investigators.

"The devices create a permanent electronic record that can be compared, contrasted and coordinated to deduce all manner of private information about individuals," Kozinski wrote.

Legal scholars predict the U.S. Supreme Court will ultimately resolve the issue since so many courts disagree.

George Washington University law professor Orin Kerr said the issue boils down to public vs. private. As long as the GPS devices are attached to vehicles on public roads, Kerr believes the U.S. Supreme Court will decide no warrant is needed. To decide otherwise, he said, would ignore a long line of previous 4th Amendment decisions allowing for warrantless searches as long as they're conducted on public property.

"The historic line is that public surveillance is not covered by the 4th Amendment," Kerr said. All of which makes Afifi's lawyer pessimistic that he has much of a chance to file a successful lawsuit challenging the FBI's actions. Afifi is represented by Zahra Billoo of the Council on American-Islamic Relations, the country's largest Islamic civil rights group.

Afifi declined comment after spending last week fielding myriad media inquiries after wired.com posted the story of his routine oil change and it went viral on the Internet.

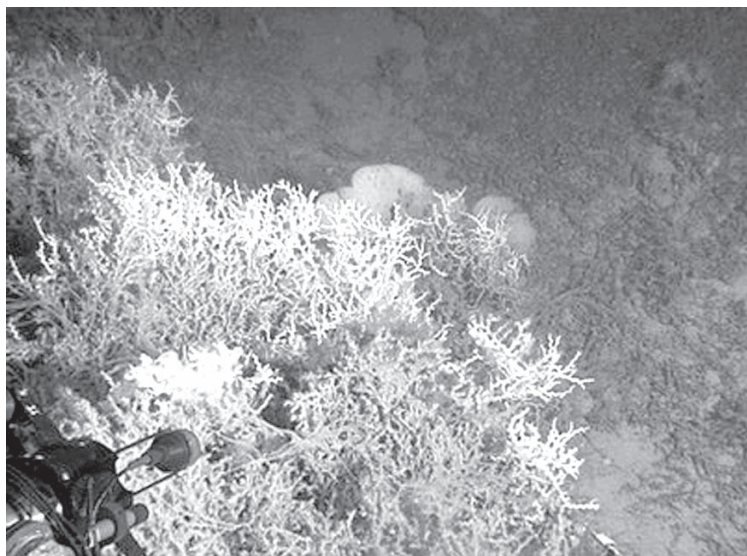
Still, Billoo hopes the discovered GPS tracking device will help publicize in dramatic fashion the issue of racial profiling the lawyer says Arab-Americans routinely encounter.

She said Afifi was targeted because of his extensive ties to the Middle East, which include supporting two brothers who live in Egypt and making frequent overseas trips. His father was a well-known Islamic-American community leader who died last year in Egypt.

"Yasir hasn't done anything to warrant that kind of surveillance," Billoo said. "This was a blatant example of profiling." □



# UN meeting aims to set species-saving goals



**FILE** - In this undated photo provided by arthowardphotography.com, a deep sea coral reef is seen from a four-man submersible more than 1,000 feet down in the Atlantic Ocean about 50 miles off the southeastern coast of the United States. An international conference gets under way Monday Oct. 18, 2010, in Japan that aims to preserve the diversity of plants and animals in the face of pollution, habitat loss and overexploitation of resources.

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By **MALCOLM FOSTER**,  
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**TOKYO** – An international conference aimed at preserving the planet’s diversity of plants and animals in the face of pollution and habitat loss begins Monday in Japan, facing some of the same divisions between rich and poor nations that have stalled U.N. climate talks. Seventeen years after the U.N. Convention on Biological Diversity was enacted, it has yet to achieve any major initiative to slow the alarming rate of species extinction and loss of ecosystems despite global goals set in 2002 to make major improvement by this year. Frogs and other amphibians are most at risk of disappearing, coral reefs are the species deteriorating most rapidly and nearly a quarter of all plant species are threatened, according to the convention, which is convening the two-week meeting.

A key task facing delegates will be to hammer out a set of 20 strategic goals for the next decade. Unless steps are taken to reverse the loss of Earth’s biodiversity, scientists warn that the rate of extinction will climb and natural habitats will be degraded or destroyed — contributing to climate change and threatening agricultural production, fish stocks in the oceans and access to clean water.

Scientists estimate that the Earth is losing species 100 to 1,000 times the historical average, upsetting the intricately

interconnected natural world. Prominent insect biologist E.O. Wilson at Harvard University argues that a man-made environmental crisis is pushing the Earth toward its sixth big extinction phase, the greatest since the dinosaurs were wiped out 65 million years ago.

However, some battle lines have already formed between developed and developing nations over the convention’s strategic mission statement — whether to take action to halt or simply slow the loss of biodiversity by 2020 — and finding a way to equitably share the benefits of genetic resources, such as plants native to poor countries that have been converted into lucrative drug products in the West.

The convention, which will bring together 8,000 delegates from 193 member nations in Nagoya, 170 miles (270 kilometers) west of Tokyo, was born out of the 1992 Earth Summit in Rio de Janeiro. So far, the convention has failed to meet a series of goals set eight years ago to preserve the world’s biodiversity against overfishing, deforestation and pollution.

Conservation groups attribute part of that to a lack of political will and funding. They also say that some of the goals until now have been fuzzy, and partly blame their own failure to make a convincing case that action is needed — something they hope to change in Nagoya.

“We haven’t been able to successfully get across a

message that our society and economies ultimately depend on this biodiversity,” said Bill Jackson, deputy director-general of the International Union for Conservation of Nature. “We have to fix the problem within the next 10 years.”

Host country Japan, meanwhile, will be looking to this conference as a chance to portray itself as a protector of biodiversity after helping kill off many of the measures at the CITES, or Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species, meeting earlier this year that would have limited the trade in tuna, sharks and other marine species. Divisions between rich and poor nations over how to fairly share in the access and benefits of genetic resources could undermine the gathering, observers say.

For example, the rosy periwinkle, a plant native to Madagascar, produces two cancer-fighting substances. Drug companies have grown the plants and profited from them, but little of the money has returned to Madagascar. Developing countries argue they should receive royalties or a share of the benefits of such natural resources.

The convention aims to address this problem by setting up a legal framework by which producers and users can negotiate to reach mutually agreeable terms to ensure equitable sharing of resources and their benefits.

“Developing countries are putting pressure on developed countries and saying if we don’t reach an agreement on this issue, we won’t give you what you want on the strategic plan,” said Patricia Yakabe Malentaqui, international media manager at the environmental group Conservation International. “All the parties are at risk of polarizing the debate.”

Another contentious goal will be setting a percentage of the Earth’s land and oceans that should be protected by 2020. Currently, 13 percent of land and less than 1 percent of open ocean is protected — which can range from a strict nature reserve to an area managed for sustainable use of natural resources. Those percentages need to be raised to 25 percent

and 15 percent respectively, Conservation International says.

But even if delegates manage to agree to such targets, carrying them out in real life is another matter. Businesses will likely oppose any limits on their activities and population growth means setting aside such protected areas will become increasingly difficult. Furthermore, the U.N. Convention on Biological Diversity has no mechanism for enforcing compliance.

Environmental groups argue that creating protected areas reap huge economic rewards. For example, there is plenty of evidence, says IUCN’s Jackson, that providing safe havens for fisheries help their populations recover and flourish. □

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# Moonlight Meteor Shower Spawned By Halley's Comet



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**Joe Rao**

A junior version of the famous Perseid meteor shower thought to have originated from the remains of Halley's Comet will hit its peak over the next week, but the light of the moon may intrude on the sky show.

This upcoming meteor display is known as the Orionids because the meteors seem to fan out from a region to the north of the Orion constellation's second brightest star, ruddy Betelgeuse.

The annual event peaks before sunrise on Thursday (Oct. 21) but several viewing opportunities arise before then for skywatchers in North America.

The shooting stars are created by small bits of space dust — most no larger than sand grains — thought to be left over from the famed Halley's Comet, which

orbits the sun once every 76 years.

Currently, Orion appears ahead of us in our journey around the sun, and has not completely risen above the eastern horizon until after 11 p.m. local daylight time.

The constellation is at its best several hours later. At around 5 a.m. — Orion will be highest in the sky toward the south — Orionids typically produce around 20 to 30 meteors per hour under a clear, dark sky.

But skywatchers beware: You will be facing a major obstacle in your attempt to observe this year's Orionid performance. As bad luck would have it, the moon will turn full on Oct. 23. Bright moonlight outshines fainter meteors, seriously reducing the number anyone can see. The gradual build up to the full moon will hamper — if not outright prevent — dark-

sky observing during the Orionid meteor shower's peak on Oct. 21.

The Orionids are actually already underway, having been active only in a very weak and scattered form since about Oct. 2. But a noticeable upswing in activity is expected to begin around Oct. 17, leading up to their peak night.

"Orionid meteors are normally dim and not well seen from urban locations," notes meteor expert, Robert Lunsford, adding that "it is highly suggested that you find a safe rural location to see the best Orionid activity."

**Damage control for 2010**

With all this as a background, perhaps the best times to look this year will be during the predawn hours several mornings before the night of full moon. That's when the constellation Orion (from where the meteors get their name) will stand high in the northeast sky.

In fact, three "windows" of dark skies will be available between moonset and the first light of dawn on the mornings of Oct. 18, 19 and 20. Generally speaking, there will be about 150 minutes of completely dark skies available on the morning of the 18th. This shrinks to about 100 minutes on the 19th, and to about 50

minutes by the morning of the 20th.

This skywatching table shows prime Orionid meteor shower viewing times for some select U.S. cities.

In the table, all times are a.m. and are local daylight times. "Dawn" is the time when morning (astronomical) twilight begins. A "Window" is the number of minutes between the time of moonset and the start of twilight.

For example: When will the sky be dark and moonless for Orionid viewing on the morning of Oct. 20 from Houston?

Answer: There will be a 50-minute period of dark skies beginning at moonset (5:16 a.m.) and continuing until dawn breaks (6:06 a.m.).

Perhaps up to a dozen forerunners of the main Orionid display might appear to streak by within an hour's watch on these mornings, particularly on the 20th, the morning before the peak. It might even be worthwhile to try on Thursday morning, Oct. 21, although for most places, the moon will not set until just after the first light of dawn.

**Halley's legacy**

In studying the orbits of many meteor swarms, astronomers have found that they correspond closely to the orbits of known comets.

The Orionids are thought to result from the orbit of Halley's Comet, as some of the dust that has been shed by this famous object intersect earth's orbit around the sun during October.

There are actually two points along Halley's path, where it comes relatively near to our orbit. Another one of these points occurs in early May causing a meteor display from the constellation Aquarius, the Water Carrier. The tiny particles that are responsible for the Orionid and Aquarid meteors are — like Halley itself — moving through space in a direction opposite to that the earth. This results in meteors that ram through our atmosphere very swiftly at 41 miles (66 km) per second. Of all the meteor displays, only the November Leonids move faster.

**Orionid postmortem**

After the peak, activity will begin to slowly descend, although most of the meteors will be squelched by the light of the moon. Rates drop back to around five per hour around Oct. 26. The last stragglers usually appear sometime around Nov. 7.

It is indeed unfortunate that the Moon will likely obliterate most of the Orionids in the nights following the peak, but the viewing odds will be much better before the break of dawn on those mornings leading up to the peak. Almost certainly, you should sight at least a few of these offspring of Halley's Comet as they streak across the sky. In the absence of moonlight a single observer might see at least a couple of dozen meteors per hour on the morning of the peak, a number that sadly can not be hoped to be approached in 2010. In fact, it appears that this year, fans of the Orionids will be uttering the same lament that the old Dodger fans in Brooklyn used to: "Wait till next year!" □

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# Chileno Piñera desciende bajo tierra en visita a Londres

*El mandatario visito bukker de Winston Churchill*

LONDRES (Reuters) - Inmerso en el resplandor del rescate de los 33 mineros atrapados, el presidente de Chile, Sebastián Piñera, descendió el domingo bajo las calles de Londres para visitar el búnker desde el cual Winston Churchill condujo la lucha contra los nazis. Durante el esfuerzo de 69 días para salvar a los mineros, Piñera dijo que se había inspirado en las arengas de los discursos de la Segunda Guerra Mundial del ex primer ministro británico. El mandatario chileno visitó el refugio reforzado cercano a la residencia de Downing Street del primer ministro y posó con un gran puro, una de las imágenes más conocidas de los líderes de la época de guerra.

Churchill sostenía reuniones con políticos y jefes militares en el refugio debajo del edificio del Tesoro. Tenía un cuarto de mapas que mostraba los avances de la guerra, una línea telefónica segura con Estados Unidos y un dormitorio donde leía notas informativas y fumaba puros.

Piñera se reunirá el lunes con la reina Isabel en el Palacio de Buckingham y también sostendrá conversaciones con el primer ministro británico, David Cameron. "Le llevo (a Cameron) un trozo de roca de la mina, así la tendrá en Downing Street como tributo al coraje, fe y esperanza", dijo el mandatario de centro derecha a periodistas fuera del búnker, ahora abierto al público como museo de



Imagen de archivo del presidente chileno, Sebastián Piñera, en una conferencia de prensa en Copiapó tras reunirse con los 33 mineros rescatados de la mina San José. Chile. oct 14 2010. REUTERS/Carlos Vera

cuartos del gabinete de guerra. Piñera, un empresario multimillonario que asumió el poder en marzo, también visitará Francia y Alemania esta semana, en una

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